

BRYAN THE VICTOR

Gets First Place on the Democratic Ticket.

FIVE BALLOTS TAKEN

Platform Declares for Free Silver at 16 to 1.

Great Democratic Gathering at Chicago Indulges in a Battle Royal—Four Michigan Gold Delegates Unseated—Majority and Minority Platforms Presented—Debate by Party Leaders—Hot and Noisy Night Session—Wild Through in the Coliseum—Convention Scenes and Incidents.

William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, was nominated for the Presidency by the Democratic national convention amid scenes of the wildest enthusiasm. The result was reached Friday afternoon on the fifth ballot. When the result of the deciding ballot was announced the vast concourse that filled the Coliseum burst into a storm of cheering and applause that made the great girders of the building tremble. Standing on chairs and climbing on one another's shoulders, the people yelled and shrieked and waved hats, canes and handkerchiefs. Swept away by such enthusiasm, nearly all the delegates joined in the wonderful demonstration, whether they had voted for the "boy orator of the Platte" or not.

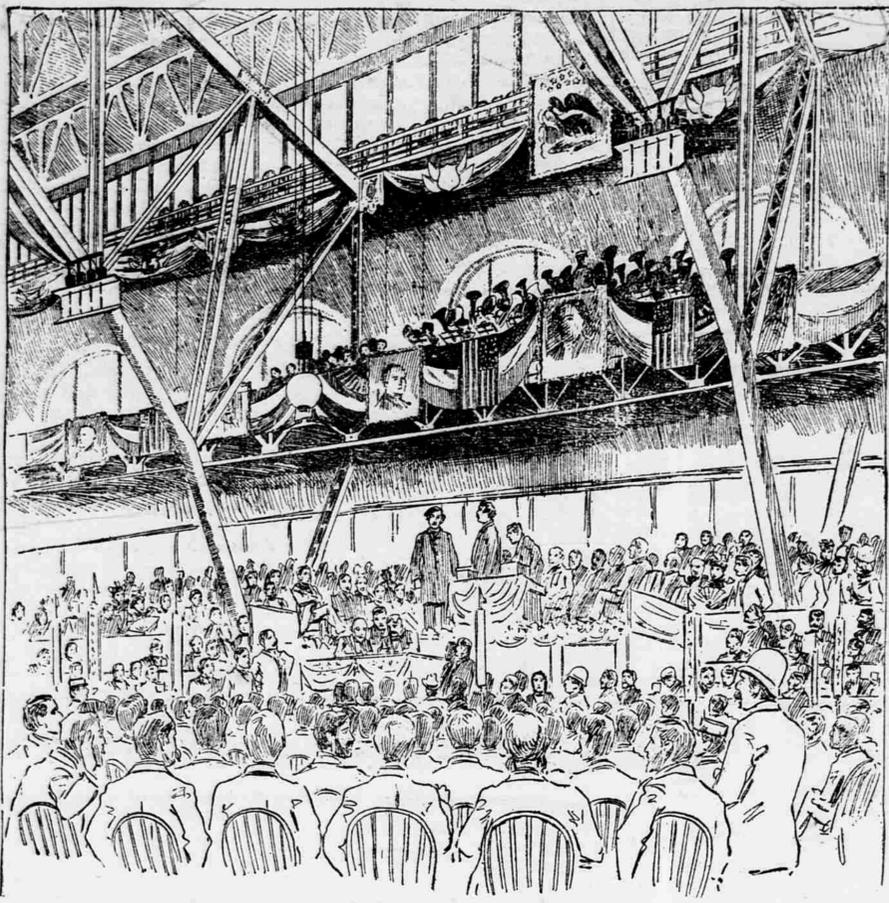
There were but few demonstrations before the convention was rapped to order Friday morning. The leaders came in quietly. At 10:57 Chairman White of California called the convention to order. Rev. Dr. Green offered prayer. Chairman White then announced that the convention was still on the call of States for nominations. Thereupon Mr. Harritt of Pennsylvania placed in nomination ex-Gov. Robert E. Pattison. This evidence that Pennsylvania would stand by the platform and participate in the nomination drew a cry of delight from the silver men, and Pattison's name got a swinging round of applause from the galleries. Mr. Mattingly of the District of Columbia seconded the nomination of John R. McLean of Ohio. Delegate Miller of Oregon added to the list of nominations the name of Sylvester Penoyer of Oregon.

Such a family of favorite sons as the convention showed up after the first ballot has rarely been equaled in a national convention. Until the roll was nearly finished there were thirteen of them and somebody put in an extra vote for Hill. That made fourteen and their relative seniority in point of strength was as follows: Bland, Bryan, Pattison, Boies, Blackburn, McLean, Tillman, Penoyer, Teller, Stevenson, Russell, Campbell and Hill. The convention proceeded to ballot, with the following result:

FIRST BALLOT.	
Bland	10
Bryan	17
Pattison	2
Boies	2
Matthews	1

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THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SESSION.



FIRST DAY.
The convention hall doors were opened at 11 o'clock, and those entitled to admission permitted to enter. At 12 o'clock the Seventh Legion band took its station in the balcony over the chairman's desk, and discoursed sweet harmony till he arrived to call the convention to order. At 12:50 o'clock Chairman Harritt, of the National Democratic Committee, with the convention zavel in hand, rapped loudly for order and introduced Rev. E. M. Stires, who raised his hands to heaven in an invocation for wisdom, peace and good-will among the assembled Democracy of the nation. The vast assemblage, numbering over twelve thousand people, rose and remained standing during the devotions.

At the conclusion of the prayer the chairman announced that the National Committee had reported Hon. David B. Hill of New York for temporary presiding officer of the convention. Then he was interrupted and the silver men had their chance.

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the mere sweep of numbers. When the rhetorical smoke had cleared away, after two hours of arguments, appeals, threats, cheers and some hisses, there sat Senator Daniel of Virginia in the place of honor, and David B. Hill had been defeated in the camp of his friends. The vote upon the motion that the name of John W. Daniel of Virginia be substituted for that of David B. Hill of New York for the position of temporary chairman of the convention resulted: Yeas, 556; nays, 349; not voting, 1.

Escorted by the committee, the temporary chairman, John W. Daniel, of Virginia, passed up to the platform, where, when he appeared, he was received with an immense eruption of cheers and yells. While the delegates and everybody else in the house were yelling and cheering Chairman Harritt passed the zavel over to Mr. Daniel, who took it and then addressed the convention.

When Mr. Daniel had concluded, the secretary called the roll of States and territories for the appointment of committees, after which the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY.
The crowds began pouring into the Coliseum shortly after 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, but the heavy-eyed delegates, many of whom had had an all-night vigil, were late in arriving. At 10:44 o'clock Temporary Chairman Daniel called the convention to order and directed that the aisles be cleared. Rev. Dr. Green, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, offered prayer, at the conclusion of which Chairman Daniel called for the report of the committee on credentials. The committee was not ready with its recommendations and by unanimous consent no business was transacted until the report was received.

The convention tired of inactivity and shouted for speeches. Ex-Gov. Hogg of Texas was called and spoke for half an hour. He urged harmony and raked the Republicans fore and aft. Senator White, of California, who had been selected for permanent chairman by the silver men, then relieved Mr. Daniel of the gavel and asked the further pleasure of the convention. The galleries shouted for Blackburn, Hill, Bryan and Altgeld. "Kentucky Joe" made a vigorous speech for free silver. Senator Hill and Mr. Bryan were not present. The crowd shouted vociferously for Gov. Altgeld. The Governor spoke for nearly half an hour, and from start to finish his address was a bitter denunciation of the capitalists, far and near. J. F. Williams, of Massachusetts, followed with a free silver speech. He, too, attacked the railroads, the corporations and Wall street.

Five minutes later the committee on credentials filed into the hall. Delegate Atwood, of Kansas, chairman of the committee, read the report. It confirmed the action of the national committee in every detail except Nebraska and Michigan. In the former case the action of the national committee was reversed, thus seating the Bryan delegates. In regard to Michigan, the committee decided to leave the matter open for future action. Chairman White put the motion to adopt and declared it carried by a viva voce vote. The seating of the Bryan delegates was received with tremendous cheers by the convention, and the Nebraskans, with Wm. J. Bryan on their shoulders, marched into the hall amid a remarkable reception. The gold delegates from Nebraska retired to seats in the audience. On motion of Gov. Altgeld the convention then adjourned until 5 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening Session.
The delegates reassembled for the evening session a little before 6 o'clock, and, although the sunshine falling through the western windows gave the convention hall an air of beautiful peace, it did not extend its soothing influence to the hearts of the Democrats on the floor. They were

tired, and many of them were hungry. The issue was precipitated when the committee reported in favor of seating four contesting delegates in Michigan. This change gave the silver men a majority, and under the unit rule they could cast the vote of the entire delegation for the white metal. A minority report was presented and followed by speeches from Gov. McLaurin of Mississippi, Salsbury of Delaware, Stevenson of Michigan, and others. Stevenson scored the committee and the contestants in vitriolic arguments, Blake of Texas declared the contested seats were tainted with fraud of which the committee had evidence, and McKnight of Michigan refuted the accusations.

Amid much confusion, the roll was called upon the substitute. The excitement grew as the vote proceeded. Seven delegates from Alabama put themselves on record as opposed to unseating the Dickinson delegates, and eleven Californians, led by Senator White, did the same thing. The silver men sent up a wild cheer when A. S. Trude announced the vote of Illinois as 48 against the substitute. Senator Hill rose when New York was called and announced "Seventy-two votes aye."

The announcement inspired a great demonstration in the galleries. The gold men rose from their seats with flying hats and handkerchiefs, and cheered continuously for over five minutes. The gold delegates got up on their chairs, New York and Massachusetts leading. But, only one-third of the convention rose. The other two-thirds sat silent and stern. The demonstration which succeeded the announcement of the vote was in marked contrast. In one case the gallery led; in the other the delegates. The galleries shouted for gold, but the delegates voted for silver. When the chairman declared the amendment lost by a vote of 558 to 398 the silver delegates leaped to their chairs in demonstration, turning defiantly toward the audience as they cheered.

The silvermen had won battle number two and the non-contentious business of electing permanent officers followed. Senator Stephen M. White, of California, was escorted to the chair. The crowd knew him from his appearance at the morning session, where he had temporarily

and buoyant step. The faces of the gold leaders were grim, grave and defiant. The managers of the several candidates were marshaling their forces. Chairman White was so hoarse he could scarcely speak, and he handed the gavel over to Congressman Richardson of Tennessee, who announced that the committee on resolutions was ready to report, and called to the platform Senator Jones of Arkansas to make the committee report.

The platform as reported by the committee declares for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. The issue of bonds in time of peace is denounced. National banks to be deprived of the power of issuing notes. A tariff for revenue only is demanded and the declaration made that a revival of the McKinley law would be disastrous to the country. An income tax law is declared for, to be effected by constitutional amendment. Sympathy for the Cubans is expressed. It is demanded that pauper immigrants be excluded. Liberal pension appropriations are favored. Senator Hill's bill prohibiting punishment in contempt cases is approved. The Pacific railroad refunding bill is denounced. The third term idea is opposed, and the declared extravagance of the last Republican Congress is denounced.

The platform concluded, the report for the minority was read by J. H. Wade, of Ohio, and the gold people rose and cheered, but their efforts were faint. The endorsement of the Democratic administration which Senator Hill had made a losing fight for in the committee on resolutions, brought down a yell from the galleries. New York delegates stood and waved their hats. The issue was drawn. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, opened the great debate in behalf of free coinage. On one lapel of his coat he wore a

Senator Jones followed Tillman. Then came Senator Hill, who began by saying, "I am a Democrat, and South Carolina with all her power cannot drive me out of the party. We are here to unite, not to divide Democracy, but we cannot safely ignore the monetary systems of other nations. I know, indeed, that it is the way of the majority that we care not what other countries may do, but I say to you that you might as well do away with all international agreements." A recess was then declared until 8 o'clock.

Thursday Night Session.

At the night session, in the presence of fully 25,000 people, the nominating speeches were made, and there was a repetition of the exciting scenes of the afternoon. The Bryan enthusiasm continued. The galleries went frantic at every mention of his name, and the wild demonstration of the afternoon was duplicated when he was placed in nomination by H. T. Lewis of Georgia, and sec-



PERMANENT CHAIRMAN WHITE.

onded by W. C. Klutz of North Carolina, George Fred Williams of Massachusetts, and Thomas J. Kernan of Louisiana. Senator Vest placed the Missouri in nomination, and Gov. Overmeyer of Kansas seconded the nomination. The name of Gov. Claude Matthews of Indiana was presented by Senator Turpie of Indiana, and seconded by Delegate Trippett of Colorado. Fred White of Iowa placed Boies in nomination, and the Waterloo statesman owed a magnificent ovation to the enthusiasm of Miss Winnie Murray, a young woman from Nashua, Iowa, who led the Boies demonstration as Mrs.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL'S SPEECH.

Virginia Senator States His Position to the Convention.

Temporary Chairman Daniel, upon taking the chair, spoke in eulogistic terms of Senator Hill, of New York, and expressed satisfaction that the majority in the convention was not sectional. Upon points at issue he said:

Do not forget, gentlemen, that for thirty years we of the South have supported the man that you have named for President. Do not forget at the last National Convention of the Democratic party in 1892 you proclaimed yourselves to be in favor of the use of both gold and silver as a standard money of the country. Do not forget that just four years ago, in a Democratic convention in this city, the New York delegation stood here solidly and immovably for a candidate committed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at a ratio of 16 to 1. And if we are still for it, let it not be forgotten that we owe it in some measure to their teachings. That we owe you much, gentlemen of the East, is readily acknowledged and will be ever most gratefully remembered. But if you gentlemen have helped to save the South, it also has helped to save you in the East. The majority of Democrats is not sectional, neither does it favor any privileged or class legislation. The active business men of this country, its manufacturers, its merchants, its farmers, its sons of toil, know that a contraction of currency sweeps away the annual profits of their enterprises. They know, too, that the gold standard means contraction. Do not the people know that it was legislation dictated by the advocates of the gold standard that has caused and now continues the financial depression? Do they not know that when their demands upon Democracy were complied with in 1883 and the Sherman law repealed without a substitute, that the very States of the East that demanded it turned against the Democracy who granted it and swept away their majorities in a torrent of ballots? Had the silver men had their way then instead of the gold monometallism which has been an abuse would here to-day be emptied upon their heads. 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