OMAHA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 8, 1896.

KNIFED BY A FRIEND

Champion of the Lists Put to the Sword that Silver May Reign

FIRST BATTLE IN THE GREAT COLISEUM

Phalanx of Gold is Driven Back by the White Metal's Forces,

ROLL CALL SHOWS MUTINY IN SOME CAMPS

Rejection of Hill is Effected by Nearly a Two-Thirds Vote.

FREE COINAGE IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL

Bland Has the Lend for the Nomina-

enpacious Coliseum in Jackson park, beand the blue waters of Lake Michigan figure and a most elequent orator of the old stretching away to the north, the democratic brief, but decisive battle in the arena, the spoke silver men vindicated their supremacy. They wrested from the hands of the gold phalanx the control of the convention, and gathered mittees are in session with silver everywhere the suburban trains of the Illinois Central the reins of power into their own hands. In control.

There was a reminiscence of that other. There is little change in the situation as but twelve minutes from the heart of the There was a reminiscence of that other great Colliseum, whose fall marked the destrong lead, but the possibility of all sorts of the same complete system which accomstruction of an empire, when men were struction of an empire, when men were complications which may blockade his way plished the feat of carrying 750,000 people butchered to make a Roman holiday, about to the coveted prize have made his followers safely to the World's fair on Chicago day. it all. A champion who has so often entered anxious and the talk of abrogating the twothe lists to do battle in democracy's cause thirds rule in his interest has been revived. the 15,000 who entered the hall and the amid the ringing abouts and the wild acclaim of his party was put to the sword
that silver might be supreme. It was with
reluctance that many of the friends of Sen-

PICTURE OF THE HALL The convention itself was a most inspiring sight. Never before since the present system of national conventions was inaugurated by the "national republican" party structure. On the north side, where the platform and the press benches are situated the galleries rise one above the other sheet from the floor, while in front from all sides of the railed enclosure where the delegates sit, each state marked by the neatest of staffs, slope away the wilderness of seats in gentle terraces to the most re-mote limits of the coliseum, almost 400 feet in direct line from the chairman's table. The hands of the big clock opposite the platform cannot be discerned, yet the acoustic properties of the building are so perfect that every word could be distinctly heard. The decorations are simple, but effective. From the lofty girders which hold the arched roof futter gay trappings. The galleries in front are entwined with national colors, while at regular intervals large crayon protraits of the patron saints of the party, Jefferson, Jackson and others, look down upon their successors in the faith. A large protrait of Mr. Cleveland was off to one side, the only one displayed of a living democrat. With the vast space filled almost to the outermost walls with a forest of people, an unusually large number of whom were ladies, and the brave flags of enthusiasts whirling and breaking like

whitecasis wanting and breaking like whitecasis over a storm-swept sea, the scene was a brilliant one.

There was no demonstration during the day for any of the candidates, but many of the leaders, like Hill and Whitney, Blackburn, ex-Governor Russell and Harrity were the recipients of individual ovations. The followers of both sides took every opportunity to cheer their champions. There were many distinguished leaders among the delegates on the floor like Senator Jones of Arkansas; ex-Governor Flower, Frederic R. Coudert and ex-Mayor Grant of New York: Senator White and William W. Foote of California, Governor Hogg of the Lone Star state, General St. Clair and Governor McCorkle of West Virginia, John R. McLean, Allen W. Thurman and Tom J. Johnson of Allen W. Thurman and Tom 1. Johnson Ohio; John E. Hurst of Maryland, E. Howell and his son, Clark Howell, Georgia; Senators George and Walthall Mississippi Senators West, and Control of C Delaware, Senator Blanchard and Judge Mc-Enery of Louisiana, Senators Bate and Harris of Tennessee and a host of others

Among the distinguished guests seats In the rear were a number of gold leaders who have been conspicuous in previous conventions, but who were swept aside by the silver cohorts in their states. These in cluded General Gordon of Georgia. Senate Linesay of Kentucky, ex-Congressman By num of Indiana, ex-Congressman Outh watte of Ohio and others. But stranges of all, on the platform of a democratic cot vention was the fittle enterie of witer see ites like Senator Stewart were also thereall watching closely the results of the diliberations of the convention. Although many well known faces were missing.

The invocation of Dr. Stires an Episco-pal divine, with its appeal for pears, had hardly ascended to the throne of grace hafore the contending bests met in the shock of battle. The gold men carried and the program of presenting Senator Hill for temporary chairman, but the above leader also held to their resolution and immedithe opposing forces fought it out mean th lows of New York and General Et. Cla-West Virginia championed Mr. 1995, cause and C. S. Thomas of Concerto, Mr. 1995, belogate Marston of Louisiana and

bama insisted upon his overthrow.

Colonel Fellows appealed for mercy. He pleaded with the majority to do a generous thing and show that they did not place too much reliance on the force of numbers, but in the righteousness of their cause. Mr. McDermott was even driven to threats. General St Clair, who is a silver man, opposed the defeat of Hill, whom he had supported

for Hill in 1852 and who recalled the fact with evident pride and who expressed great regret at the necessity which compelled them to take this course, contended that the election of a temporary chairman in harmony The temper of the delegates was plainly apgreeted from the salvos with which they greeted these firm utterances. It was noceable that neither side put its giants for-BREAK IN IOWA RANKS.

gold votes Mr. Haldeman did the same litical history. school. He sounded the keypote for silver

ator David B. Hill turned their thumbs will make of their votes will complicate the struction and many believe that in the present downward as the arrogant patricians of the ent disorganized condition of the silver men head the tracks of the elevated road make

its enthusinstic nature was easily discern-ible by the applause that floated out.

Senator Gray of Delaware presided over the meeting when it begun, but having to leave to attend the meeting of the committee ernor Flower took the chair in his abscnce John P. Irish of California was the first speaker, and he was followed by General A. S. Bragg, William C. Whitney, Frederic Coudert, Franklin McVeagh and several others. General Bragg was in favor of a both of the platform and ticket if the plans announced by the silver men were carried out. He did not believe that the convention. On one side out. He did not believe that the convention of the supparent. Everything was on the mammoth order, even in decorations. From the lobby the crowds entered an enormous enclosure, free of sents and serving as a first burst of enthusiasm and the south entrance playing "Dixie." This caused the first burst of enthusiasm and the south character of the south entrance playing "Dixie." This caused the first burst of enthusiasm and the south character of the south char displayed a democratic spirit, and he was, therefore, of the opinion that good democrats could with honor and credit denounce

gate-at-Large Coudert of New York were equipped branch office to handle mail for of the same mind, although the latter was delegates. There was good-natured railiery eareful in expression, while McVeagh speke at some of the signs, liberally distributed to of even leaving the convention. Ex-Governor Russell of Massachusetts agreed to the adoption of the resolution, but would guest, not commit himself. General Bragg would In and speak very broadly-he would not support the ticket. He was for a new ticket. Outh-waite of Ohio and Holder of Ohio were in of the resolution. Ohio would go down 20,000 away from the usual democratic

CELEBRATED CALLERS AT CANTON.

Next Week and May Accept. CANTON, O., July 7 .- W. S. Manning, the noted New York politician, was a caller at the McKinley home today. He was first mistaken by some of the reporters for Con-

cressman Grosvenor. Wayne county seni a delegation to Carton to call on Major McKinley. It was a party appointed by the centennial committee of that county to wait on Governor McKinley giving day, and a quarter-mile bicycle track to ascertain whether he would be present to ascertain whether he would be present. The most striking features of the decoration is to be put in when the convention is over the ball was that of the at any day of the centennial exercises to be keld at Wooster August 11 to 15. It was headed by ex-Congressman Smiler and Jacob Frick, who is a cousin of H. C. Frick of the Carnegle establishment. The call was of course non-political. Governor McKinley has had several invitations a day to make addresses, and up to this time has declined to make any engagement. It is thought, however, that he may go to Cleveland one day next week during the celebration there. Other callers today were: Hon. William Monaghan of Cleveland, R. G. Horr of New York, ex-United States Marshal H. W. Chas-Belleire, congressmen of the Sixth Obio

CHICAGO, July 7.-The New Hampshire elegation held a crucus this morning to liscuss the outlook for the gold faction in the convention. The whole sentiment of the delegation was against the bull in any contingency. The question was not serisullowar and after the meeting: We New for the honorary vice preside thingishire men have not the slightest intention of leaving the convention under any circumstances. The rumors that the castern delegations may bold are unterly feelish. I do not believe there is a single delegate who intends to bolt. It is much easier to get out of the party than it is on set hore into st, and easier a democrate where it is of states. get hork into it, and eastern democrats

National Committeeman Clarton of Ala- VERY NEARLY HAVE A RIOT

Pompous Senators Buffeted in the Squeeze to Get Into the Hall.

Poor Arrangements by Democratic Officials Create Endless Trouble and Confusion at the Entrance to the Collseum.

CHICAGO, July 7.—All roads this morning most that is being suid is that Bland maintained the lead, but he was not the led to the Coliseum, where at 12 c'clock Chairman Harrity was to call to order the loss a two-thirds vote, and the delegates bours to organize the democratic man of the resolutions committee. Mr. a democratic national convention. The vast looked for desdlocks and dark horses. national convention into a free sil- J. Jones of Hilmers was elected secretary.

shouters were making a last convulsive national convention met today. After a in a ringing speech, but the fact that he demonstration before attention was directed spoke from notes was rather disappointing to the serious work within the convention to his friends. The silver leaders in control carried through the remainder of the program today and tonight the several com-

It was not an inviting approach, as the

chairman on either side ran the press seats four deep, encirching the entire front and sides of the area reserved for the delegates. Back of the chairman were many com-fortable chairs, reserved for the dis-tinguished guests, about 400 in number, and for the honorary vice presidents and ser-retaries. At either end of the hall rose-tier after tier of sents for the spectators and

SEATING THE DELEGATES. As the delegates entered the hall they were not greeted by the usual pennants bearing the names of states to locate the scats of delegations. The pennants obatructed the view, and instead of them, each state's location was marked by an upright CHICAGO. July 7.—The Missouri delega-tion held a meeting this morning and after some discussion decided to defer the question of selecting a committeemen until after the convention has selected a cresidential can. the point of variage on the front scats immediately before the chairman's deal. Back of the numines and they count is him to make the national committeemen. Cuban Fings Rendy to Float.

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might bring forth interesting developments, although the opening convention day is usually one of formalities. The butlook, however, was for a struggle from the start, an early test of strength and possibly the exe-

eager interest. It was a strange coincidence, showing the shifts of politics, that four years ago, when the democratic convention met bere Senator Daniel was the only one to place Senator Hill in nomination for the Among the presidential candidacies the

one commanding a certain majority, much When the vote came to be taken J. W. Stackbouse one of the administration's federal officials in lowar in order to flaunt the divisions in the Boics delegation, challenged the vote of the state and uncovered seven add a memorable chapter to American potential ways and the same that the state and uncovered seven in the state of the state and uncovered seven in the state of the were distributing the badger and emblems of authority. Meanwhile the doors were barred to the public with stalwart policetion, but There is a Possibility
of All Kinds of Complications Probable.

CHICAGO, July 7.—In the magnifecent and gapacious Coliseum in Jackson park, because Coliseum in Jackson park because Coliseu breach clear skies, with a cool, invigorating breeze snapping at the flags and trappings and the blue waters of Lake Michigan figure and a most elequent orator of the old The women holding admission tickets were particularly indignant at not getting in They stood in the street hoisting their umbreilas to keep off the shower of cinders which filtered from the elevated road every

tion of the American eagle, with the shield of the United States in its talons. Further up the great steel girders which span the building were wound with bunting, and from between them hung myriads of flags and rosettes. The platform and presiding officer's desk were tratefully decorated with bunting and festoons of evergreen, with a backing of large palm trees. Flanking the burning on either mile ran the pleas seats. with a and Delegate-at-large Mci-ermott of New ing the Jersey, who has amounted his intention of bolting, held a final conference just be- | W. E. Lewis, staff correspondent of the fore the convention was called to order. Senator Hill received the first demonstration of the convention. His well known figure was the signal for an enthusiastic ovation from the gold delegates who recognized in him their champion and they stood upon chairs and waved their peded his progress as he walked up sisle. In the demonstration a number radical silver men with whom Mr. Hill popular, despite his money views, joined.

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Mission will be the nominee and they count
in him to muse the national committeeman.

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Mr. Blackburn of Kentucky, whose famous

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They stood in the street hoisting their umbrelians to keep off the shower of cinders which filtered from the elevated road every time a train thundered overhead.

ALTGELD TRIES THREATS.

Governor Altgeld at the head of the filling of the same time the vote on temporal proposed and supprisched a burly policions delegation approached a burly officers. At the same time the vote on temporal regists the equality of all citizens the two-thirds, although which sight of an who guarded one of the doors. Even threats failed to shake the sturdy officer, who was under ironciad orders from the segregani-at-arms. There was almost a rick and that silver decorates a series of the country of the committee. In the meant of the first time, we compare the crowds, and if the angry popular could have placed their hands on the sergeani-at-arms they would have made short work of him. When at last the contracts were thrown open the delegates are having huge fun. They are almost a filled them the desired by the first in the Committee. In the meant of the first coinage law passed by contracts were thrown open the delegates are having huge fun. They are almost a filled them in a few minutes. Five minutes after the doors were opened the band on the speaker's stand struck up a lively medical proposal that the committee after the doors were opened the band on the speaker's stand struck up a lively medical proposal through the string "Burlow of the southern of the southern of the fortest of tunnition of the convention will rise for indicate the convention of the convention will rise for the convention of the convention will rise for the convention of the convention of the first that the dome the stream of the convention will rise for indicate the convention of the c

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Wants a Man Selected Who Will Stand report, briefly as follows:

on the Platform. WATERLOO, Ia., July 7.—(Special Telegram :- Ex-Governor Boles today gave to New York Journal a signed statement rela-tive to the duties of delegates to the na-that the re-enactment of the McKinley bill tional convention. The statement is in line with that sent to Governor Stone of Missouri by Mr. Bland, and in part Mr. Boies says: "In this struggle the interests of individual candidates are of no importance. The duty of aliver delegates is a plain one They should select for a candidate a must to whom they can implicitly trust to stand aquarely upon the platform they adopt and This was followed by a counter demonstra- who in their judgment can command the tion from the silver men, when dashing greatest number of electoral votes.

speech on the Friday on which the electoral commission decided the contest against Tilden in 1876, still rings in the ears of democrats appeared at the head ceed T. M. Richards. The delegation will present to the committee on resolutions the following homostead plank:
"We condemn the action of congress in recent years in departing from the free

Intions to Be Presented Today. CHICAGO, July 7.- The committee cution of the vague threats that have been made to leave the ball under certain circumstances. The sentiment that participation in a convention bound those present led to ifornia was elected chairman of the comfrail St. Clair, who is a silver man, opposed the defeat of Hill, whom he had supported four years ago and whose defeat then he expressed his profound regret for today. But the silver men, most of whom had spoken GREAT CRUSH AT THE BIG CONVENTION

In a convention bound those present ted to the oblief that if there were any withdraw- als they would come early. The class between Senators Hill and Daniel over the tween Senators Hill and Daniel over the temporary chairmanship was awaited with mittee. Before he could take the chair a manent organization called upon him and SiLVER MAJORITY HAS ITS OWN WAY notified him of his selection for permanent Seven Iown Men Vote for Hill chairman of the convention. Senator White accepted the permanent chairman and, re- Stormy Session of the National Democratic turning to the room of the committee on resolutions, stated that it would be impos-

sible for him, as permanent chairman, if

The following gentlemen were Cockerell, Missouri; J. Z. George, Missis-sippl; N. E. Worthington, Illinois; Senator was announced.

The gold men proceeded on the theory York; Senator W. F. Vilas and Senator Ceorge

The financial plank leads the pintform with a declaration against free silver and denounces the brue of bonds in time of peace; demands that the power to laune a constitutional amendment permitting the enactment of an income tax; expresses sympathy for Cuba; demands that pauper emigrants be kept out of the country; favors liberal pension legislation; expresses approval of Senator Hill's bill for regulating cases of contempt of court in United States courts and denounces the republican house for not passing that hill: denounces the Pacific railroad funding bill now pending in congress; opposes third terms for presidents as a cardinal principle of democray and denounces the extravagence of the last

NEW YORK, July 1 -- A member of the editorial stuff of the Dally American Wheelman has gone to Chicago, where a good

TEXT OF THE CHICAGO PLATFORM. WOULDN'T HAVE HILL

Palmer house. Senator White of Cal- Senator Daniel is Chosen as Temporary Presiding Officer.

Convention.

FIRST CLASH BETWEEN RIVAL FACTIONS Rell Call of the States Quickly Settles the

Question at Issue.

Advocates of Free Colunge Make the First Use of Their Strength by Selecting Their Own Temporary Chairman,

CHICAGO, July 7 .- The gavel descended at ten minutes before 1 o'clock upon a hall that had a dozen rows of empty seats at the was anything but encouraging.

Today's session, if anything, encouraged Bland's friends. It did so by showing that Boles did not control his own lows delegation, whose seven votes for Hill provoked the silver are founded and which the the silver men. Boles has unquestionable designed to the seven votes for Hill provoked institutions are founded and which the democratic party has multiplied for gen-

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Ar flayion read the following minority report yellating to temporary chairman:

To the Democratic Convention: The undersigned, nambers of the mational committee, respectfully recommend that the name of Hon John W. Duniel of Virginia he substituted in the committee report for that of Hoh. David B. Hill of New York and that Hon. John W. Duniel be chosen temporary chalman of the convention. HENRY D. CLAYTON, Alabama.

C. M. RAE. Arkanasa.

M. F. TARFEY. Chilfornia.

C. S. THOMAS. Colorado.

SAMUEL PASCOGE. Florida.

C. LARK HOWELL, Georgia.

S. C. HILLARD, Idaho.

C. W. BLAIR, Kanasa.

A. J. DAYIDSON Montana.

S. K. RUTCHEON, Nevada.

P. H. BUSBY North Carolina.

J. F. OTEY, Virginia.

M. L. BONALUSON, South Carolina.

J. P. OTEY, Virginia.

M. L. BUSHENDALL, Wyoming.

JAMES L. NORRIS, District of Columbia,

L. M. SHANNON, Arizona.

H. B. FERGISON, New Mexico.

T. M. RICHARIDSON, Oklahoma.

J. W. BEHARINSON, Oklahoma.

J. W. BURTON, Unda.

R. L. OWEN, Indian Territory.

As he closed with an emphatic demand for a roll cell on the proposition the silver men again cheered wildly. I wlegate C S Thomas of Colorado sec-onded the domind for a roll call. It was the purpose of the gold men to faunt their