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MORNING GIVEN UP TO TALK

Convention hears many speeches and does no work during the forenoon.

KANSAS CITY, July 5.—Convention hall was again besieged today by eager and excited thousands, and long before the time set for opening the second day's proceedings the conventionalists of the crowd were approaching the building, were solidly massed with humanity, moving forward to the many entrances. Expectancy was at a high pitch, as it was universally felt that the day had in store the great event of the convention.

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only with bowed heads while the words of prayer echoed through the aisles. At the conclusion of the prayer Chairman Richardson made an earnest appeal to the delegates and spectators to preserve order so that the work of the convention might proceed without undue interruption. Sergeant-at-Arms Martin called for order, particularly to delegates, not to bring their wives upon the floor reserved for delegates, as it kept other delegates from the seats to which they were entitled.

Mr. Richardson now announced that the platform committee was not ready to report and pending word from him he invited to the platform ex-Governor Hogg of Texas to address the convention. The giant form of the Texan advanced to the front and was greeted enthusiastically by the delegates in good voice and his words reverberated through the hall. When he declared that the party did not propose to surrender a iota of its attitude in 1896, as promulgated by the Chicago convention, there was round after round of cheering and shouting.

Chairman Richardson wielded his gavel vigorously and when order was restored in some degree he looked for cheering things in the afternoon. An hour before the time for the meeting of the convention there was not a seat to be had in any of the galleries.

At 3:46 Senator Hill of New York, who had been absent from the two preceding sessions, came through the delegates' door and was greeted with a warm and hearty welcome. He had nearly reached his seat when the cry of "Hill," "Hill" broke forth. It was coupled with considerable applause, but the demonstration in honor of the senator present lacked several degrees of enthusiasm.

At 4 o'clock the convention was still waiting for the arrival of the committee on resolutions and nothing was going on with the exception of the occasional "murmur" of the band. The crowd had been allowed all over the floor and the delegates were packed to the danger point. From the speaker's desk clear back to the doorway the aisles were packed solid. No body could get in or pass out. The jam became oppressive and the heat became unbearable.

At 4:05 o'clock the committee on resolutions was announced. Mr. Tillman of South Carolina now stepped to the front and was greeted with a cheer. He read the platform in a full, round voice, easily heard by all present.

The representatives of the democratic party of the United States, assembled in national convention on the anniversary of the birth of our nation, are gathered here to reaffirm our faith in that immortal proclamation of the inalienable rights of man and to reaffirm our faith with the United States supreme court that the Declaration of Independence is the form and letter. We declare again that all governments instituted by man are founded on the consent of the governed; that any government that attempts to exercise power without the consent of the governed is a tyranny and that to impose upon any people a government of force is to impose a tyranny.

Believing in these fundamental principles we denounce the Porto Rico law, enacted by the congress against the protest and opposition of the Porto Rican people, as a bold and open violation of the letter and spirit of the constitution and of the national good faith. It imposes upon the people of Porto Rico a government of force without their consent and without their representation.

We condemn and denounce the Philippine policy of the present administration, which trade in the lives of millions of our fellow men, sacrificed the lives of our noblest sons and placed the United States in the position of a conqueror throughout the world as the champion of freedom in the false and un-American policy of trading in the lives of our fellow men. We believe that the Philippine people cannot be citizens without endangering their civilization; they cannot be subjects without losing their liberty and their rights as men.

lean party to carry out its pledges to grant autonomy to the territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and we promise the people of those territories immediate statehood and home rule within their condition as territories, and we favor the annexation of Alaska and Porto Rico. We favor an intelligent system of improving the arid lands of the west, storing the waters for purposes of irrigation and the holding of such lands for actual settlement.

Jefferson said: "Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none. We approve and commend the doctrine of non-interference against the republican departure which has involved us in so-called world politics, including the diplomacy of Europe and the intrigue and land-grabbing of Asia, and we especially condemn the ill-conceived republican alliance with England, which must mean discrimination against our friendly nations and which has really settled the national voice, while liberty is being strangled by slavery."

Believing in the principles of self-government and rejecting as did our forefathers the despotic monarchy of Europe, we denounce the purpose of England to overwhelm with force the South African republic and to establish a British empire over the entire American nation, except its republican offshoots, and for all free men everywhere, we extend our sympathies to the heroic burghers in their unequal struggle to maintain their free institutions.

Private monopolies are indefensible and intolerable. They rob the consumer of the price of all material and of the finished product, thus robbing both producer and consumer. They prevent the employment of labor and arbitrarily fix the terms and conditions of the sale of the product, and thus rob the consumer of his individual small capital of their opportunity for betterment.

The failure of the present administration, with an absolute control over all the branches of the national government, to enact any legislation designed to prevent the curbing of the enormous power of trusts and illegal combinations, or to enforce the anti-trust laws already on the statute books, proves the insincerity of the high-sounding phrases of the republican platform. Corporations should be protected for their own benefit and the public interest should be respected, but the attempt to interfere with the public affairs of the people or to control the sovereignty which creates them is an attempt to curtail the rights of the citizen as well as make such attempts impossible.

We favor such an enlargement of the contract clause of the constitution as will enable the commission to protect individuals and communities from discrimination and the public from unjust and unfair transportation rates. We reaffirm and endorse the principles of the republican platform adopted at Chicago in 1896 and we reiterate the demand of that platform for an American financial system controlled by the American people for themselves, which shall restore and maintain a bimetallic parity level, and shall provide for the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold in the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation.

We are opposed to government by injunction; we denounce the blackmail and favor arbitration as a means of settling disputes between corporations and their employees. We are in favor of the permanent upbuilding of the workman as the cornerstone of the prosperity of our country and we believe that the congress should bring with it increased production and increased opportunity for the citizen at home and to our commerce abroad.

We are proud of the courage and fidelity of the American soldier and sailor in all our wars; we favor liberal pensions to them and their dependents, and we reiterate the demand of the Chicago platform in 1896 that the fact of enlistment and service should be deemed conclusive evidence against disease and disability before enlistment.

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