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\$12.00 Skirts, reduced to \$6.00 each.
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ported with a majority and minority report. The majority report made no reference to national issues, but was very short and referred entirely to state matters. This report was signed by seven of the members of the committee and was presented by ex-Senator Charles Porter, of Centerville. The minority report was presented by Walt Butler, ex-congressman, and was the same as the majority except the preamble, which made reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform. This report was signed by Butler, Porter and Secretary D. W. Hamilton tried to get a second minority report before the convention, but the chair ruled it out of order. A rollcall was ordered on the matter to substitute Butler's minority report for the majority report, and this brought the convention face to face with the real issue, whether the convention wished to endorse the Kansas City platform or not.

Majority Report.

The majority report of the committee is as follows: "Resolved, That the fundamental principle of democracy, equal rights to all and special privileges to none, applies to the subject of taxation. The democratic party believes that the burdens of taxation should be borne equally by all taxable property subject to the jurisdiction of the state.

"We pledge our members, and this legislature to formulate and urge the adoption of such a law which will compel the burdens of taxation to rest on corporate and individual property alike, without favors or exemption of any interest. We demand economy in the administration of state affairs, the repeal of needless laws, the enactment of a local option law, the abolition of the offices of state printer and state binder and the contracting for supplies for the state with the lowest reasonable bidder.

"We cordially invite all honest men of the state to unite with us in securing the enactment of these principles into laws."

The minority report consists merely of a preamble which the silver members desire to have placed at the head of the resolutions to be adopted by the convention. It reads as follows: "We, the democrats of Iowa, in convention assembled, hereby reaffirm the principles of the democratic platform as adopted at Kansas City, July 5, 1900, and without surrendering our convictions or abating our loyalty to our national politics we believe this campaign to be particularly one, that should be confined to state issues."

The committee is unanimous with regard to the state issues which occupy the remaining portion of the platform.

Fought Out in Caucuses.

The real contest between the silverites, who wanted a specific reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform, and the conservatives, who wanted a general platform without any mention of the Kansas City platform, was in the caucuses of the districts. The chief fight was, of course, on the platform committee. There were but two real silver men on the committee, those from the Seventh and Eighth districts. All the rest are men who opposed reaffirming the Kansas City platform or were out of the party on the money issue the last five years. Secretary of the First district is conservative, but was allowed to go on the committee and was then instructed to vote for reaffirmation. Hamilton was similarly instructed after winning out in a hard fight in his caucus against a silverite. The same situation prevailed in the Fifth district, where many hot discussions in the caucuses. In the Fifth Caucuses offered a resolution referring to the money question as temporarily shelved and making state issues paramount, but the resolution was tabled and the opponent's resolution was adopted on resolutions was elected. In the Third district there was bitter denunciation of J. S. Murphy, the editor of the free silver Dubuque paper, and he was turned down hard. Cleveland and Herrick had not been in democratic caucuses since the Harvey men got control. In the Sixth district caucus General Weaver pleaded and begged for instructions for the recognition of the Kansas City platform and declared that there would be no democratic party left in Iowa if this was not done.

The members of the state central committee selected at the caucuses are: Second district, C. G. Hipwell, Davenport; Fifth district, A. E. Jackson, Tama; Sixth district, S. E. Brown, Garrison; Seventh district, F. H. Brown, Garrison; Eighth district, Fred Townsend, Albia; Seventh, Lee Evans, Winterset; Eighth, Benjamin Widener, Corning; Ninth, J. S. Goss, Atlantic; Tenth, D. A. Roy, Humboldt; Eleventh, Frank Harvey, Mapleton.

The committee on resolutions was as follows: First district, John J. Sheerley of Burlington; Second, W. D. Kly of Scott; Third, W. M. Higbee of Fairbanks; Fourth, H. C. Bishop of Elkader; Fifth, M. R. Jackson of Tipton; Sixth, D. W. Hamilton of Signourney; Seventh, Walter H. Butler of Polk; Eighth, Charles Porter, Centerville; Ninth, W. F. Cleveland of Harlan; Tenth, John L. Powers of Carroll; Eleventh, E. C. Herrick, Cherokee.

Who the Candidates Are. Phillips is superintendent of the White Bread Coal company and was formerly a miner. He has been mayor of Ottumwa. Ferguson is editor of the Nucleus at Logan. Johnson is superintendent of a school at Carroll. Bryce was United States consul at Matanzas under Cleveland. Shortley is a well known lawyer at Parry, but has never held office.

CONVENTION IS A BRIEF ONE

Pennsylvania Republicans Finish Their Business in Less Than Half a Day.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 21.—The republican state convention, which met in the Harrisburg opera house today to nominate Judge William P. Potter of Pittsburg for supreme court judge and State Representative Frank G. Harris of Clearfield for state treasurer, was a most unusual gathering. It was understood that the ticket would be nominated by acclamation. United States Senators Quay and Penrose and other party leaders were absent. There was an unusually small attendance of active party workers and a large majority of the delegates never attended a state convention before.

Judge Potter was formerly Governor Stone's law partner and was appointed to the supreme bench last year to succeed the late Judge Owen. He is serving his third term in the house of representatives and has always been a follower of Senators Quay and Penrose. The platform on which they were nominated endorses the national and state administrations and the office of the democratic national committee. Under this administration the business interests of the country were prostrated, capital remained unemployed and labor was idle and unproductive. The election of McKinley started the nation on an era of prosperity such as it had never known before. We congratulate the American people on the good sense shown in the re-election of President McKinley. This administration has met every question with which it has been confronted in a wise, bold and statesmanlike manner. In all the vexed questions growing out of the war with Spain our national administration has shown itself entirely capable and worthy of the greatest public confidence. Under this administration peace has been restored, our flag was carried in honor and triumph in the distant parts of the world and our supremacy on land and sea sustained until now we are recognized as one of the greatest world powers.

Dragged-Down Feeling

In the loins.

Nervousness, unrefreshing sleep, despondency. It is time you were doing something. The kidneys were anxiously called the reins in your case they are holding the reins and driving you into serious trouble. Thousands of testimonials prove that Hood's Sarsaparilla is a purely vegetable compound, acts with the most beneficial effect on the kidneys. It contains the best and safest substances for correcting and toning these organs. It thoroughly cleanses the blood and strengthens all the bodily functions.

classes, ruined credit of the state and nation, and now appeals to the public on what it chooses to call local issues. We condemn it in the administration of our state affairs as much as in the incompetency shown in the administration of our national affairs. "We commend the wise, patriotic, courageous and statesmanlike administration of Governor William A. Stone. "We heartily commend and endorse the wise and beneficial laws enacted by the late legislature and firmly believe that as the people of the state investigate and consider the many important acts passed by that body they will cordially approve of its labors. "We are deeply sensible of the great debt which the commonwealth of Pennsylvania owes to its representative in the United States senate, Hon. M. S. Quay and Hon. Boies Penrose, for the watchful care which they have ever given to the interests of the state, its material enterprises and the welfare of its citizens."

VIRGINIANS NAME COL. HOGE

Republicans Have a Straight Convention with Four Confederate Generals Present.

ROANOKE, Va., Aug. 21.—The first republican convention to make a straight ticket in this state, on the days of General William Mahon, assembled here today. C. A. Heermans of Montgomery was named for temporary chairman. The names of J. Hampton Hoge and Generals Walker and Rosser were loudly cheered. Of the five living Confederate generals, Virginia, four are in attendance. At the evening session S. Brown Allen of Staunton was elected permanent chairman of the convention.

"Chairman Allen, in taking the chair, said that he had the honor to be invited to the national administration and touched on the 'elective' forces in Virginia. The committee on resolutions will not report until tomorrow.

Colonel Hoge of Roanoke and Warren S. Larr and Rockingham were present for the nomination of governor. Colonel Hoge was nominated. Colonel Hoge in a brief address accepted the nomination, after which R. W. Blair of Wythe was nominated for lieutenant governor and D. L. Trotter of Norfolk for attorney general. The convention then adjourned until Thursday morning.

ALTON FAST TRAIN IN WRECK

Five Men Killed and Number Injured by Colliding with a Freight Train.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 21.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Jacksonville, Ill., says: Left Chicago at 5:30 last night, wrecked in a head-on collision with a way freight five miles north of here, at 12:30 a. m., killing five persons and injuring six others. CON SHREHAN, engineer of the passenger train. JOHN ADAMS, fireman of the passenger train. THREE MEN, identity not established, were on the tender. One killed, one injured. Robert Kiley, Jacksonville, leg broken, injured internally. W. Howatt, Bloomington, fireman of freight, ribs crushed. Charles Marshall, St. Louis, arm broken, scalp wound. Charles Strime, Longdale, Ill., broken hand, badly cut about head and chest. William Mason, Stuttgart, Ark., ribs broken. L. Wood, engineer of freight, slightly injured.

The "Hummer" included three sleepers, one chair car, the combination smoker and baggage. Most of the passengers only felt a jar, not of sufficient violence to throw them from their seats. S. D. Reeves, Alton passenger transportation master, was on the "Hummer" and immediately took relief measures. A special train was ordered from Jacksonville and arrived at 1:45 with seven doctors on board. All that surgeons could do was done promptly for the injured and it was very long before the relief train was on its way to Jacksonville with its burden of dead and injured. The injured are being cared for in a hospital here. None is in a serious condition.

SHOT CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Policeman on Way to the Scene is Attacked by a Vicious Dog.

Excitement was created this morning about 1 o'clock by some one firing a pistol in an alley between Davenport street and Capitol avenue. A woman in the second story of the building heard some one say, "What are you going to do?" The reply was, "I'll show you," followed by the shot. She then saw two men run. The police arrested Frank Parker on suspicion. During the chase from the station to the scene of the shooting Detective Hoffield had an experience which, though painful to him, was a diversion for the rest of the officers. A dog belonging to Maud Eubank grabbed him in the west side of the trousers and held on until the detective quit the chase and returned to the station. The dog was quickly tied and killed. Maud's lamentations awakened the whole neighborhood.

HYMENAL.

Short-Page.

FRANKLIN, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special).—Ed M. Short and Miss Maudie Fager were married tonight at the home of the bride, which was decorated in green and white. The bride is one of Franklin's most popular young women and the groom is principal of the public school. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Fager of Red Dick, Ill., a brother of the bride. Relatives from a distance attended, also friends and relatives of this city. After the ceremony supper was served.

See South Omaha Sights.

John Hamill of Indiana came to town yesterday with \$3 in his pocket. In the afternoon he went to South Omaha. He fell in with Henry James, colored, who showed him the sights. James was arrested last night for suspicion of having stolen from Hamill out of his money. He claimed Hamill promised him a dollar to show him around and he did so. He was taken to the station.

Santa Fe N. M. Aug. 21.—A grand commandery Knights Templars was organized here today. It has retained our business enterprises, put down our mills, closed our factories, put in idleness our great laboring

SCHLEY'S REQUEST TOO LATE

Navy Department Cannot Challenge Howison's Competency.

MUST LEAVE MATTER WITH BOARD ITSELF. Kimbrell's Substitute, Having Been Mutually Agreed Upon, It Would Be Irregular to Roster with Tedy Rumors.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Navy department this afternoon gave out the correspondence with Admiral Schley relative to the competency of Admiral Howison. Admiral Howison, a member of the court of inquiry. The closing letter of the acting secretary of the navy states that it would be irregular for the Navy department to make and determine questions affecting the competency of "members of the court and advise Admiral Schley that the question of Admiral Howison's competency will be left to the court itself. The correspondence follows:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Long, has the honor to enclose herewith a newspaper clipping in which Rear Admiral Henry L. Howison is mentioned in connection with the court caused by the relief of Rear Admiral L. A. Kimbrell from the court of inquiry. If this statement taken from the Boston Record be true it would, in the judgment of my command, disqualify him from serving in this inquiry.

I respectfully request that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the court and to Rear Admiral Howison for his consideration and I would further request that I be kept advised of any further developments in this inquiry.

I have entertained high personal regard for Rear Admiral Howison throughout a long professional acquaintance. I am sure that if the statements expressed in the newspaper clipping are true, Rear Admiral Howison would not be willing to accept a court of inquiry under such circumstances. Very respectfully, Rear Admiral, U. S. N.

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Schley Says Go Ahead.

THE ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Admiral Schley, in a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Long, referring to a clipping containing alleged statements of Rear Admiral Howison, says: "I believe that the action requested should not be withheld, as its purpose was to avoid a delay in the court after its session had begun."

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Hackett Explains the Difficulty.

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