

## CHICAGO CONVENTION.

THOUSANDS OF DEMOCRATS PRESENT.

## WILSON IN THE CHAIR.

HARMONY AND ENTHUSIASM PREVAIL.

The Commodore Wigwam Packed to Its Full Capacity.—Frightened by Thunder—Chairman Brice Calls the Gathering to Order.—The Officers.

First Day's Proceedings.

The National Democratic Convention was called to order at 12:45 Tuesday afternoon in the wigwam on the Lake Front by Chairman Brice of the National Committee.

Just after noon, before many of the delegates had arrived in the hall, a tremendous thunderstorm burst over the city. The interior of the wigwam grew as dark as night, the canvas being let down over the upper windows. Thousands of people were already in the spectators' seats, and as the lightning flashes lit up the gloom of the hall and the building shook in a heavy wind they became frightened and howled for lights. Then came a mighty fall of rain that drowned the voices of the people. The hand began to play a lively air and the music safely allayed the nervousness of the audience.

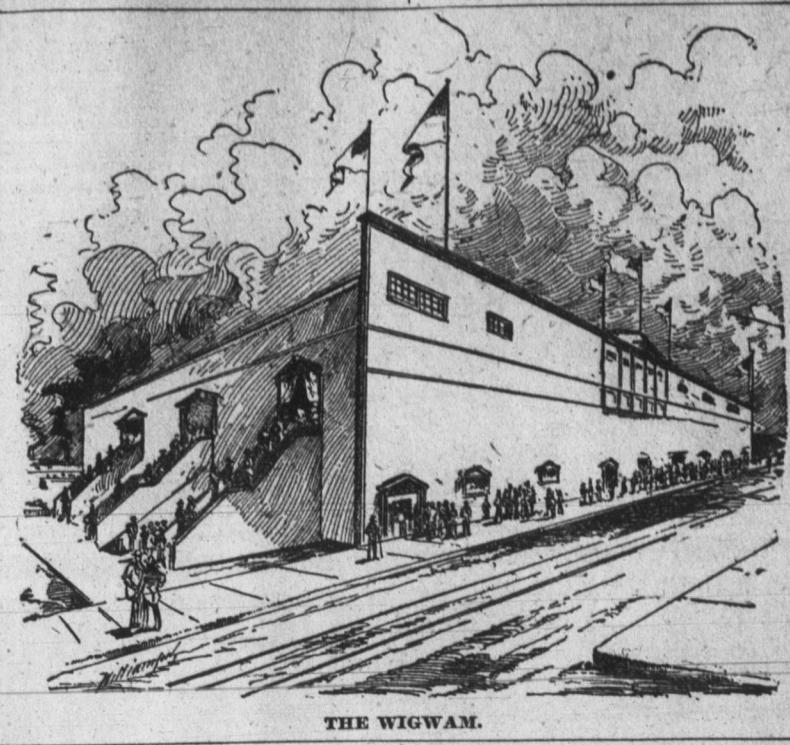
Chairman Brice and a bright ray of sunshine entered the wigwam together

and walked up the aisle with the committee. When they appeared on the platform the convention applauded, and the applause was renewed when Chairman Brice announced that he had the "honor and pleasure" of presenting to the convention its temporary Chairman. Mr. Brice retired, leaving the space in

The Chair declared the convention adjourned, the band struck up "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and the convention dispersed for the day.

Wednesday's Session.

Precisely at 11:30 on Wednesday, Temporary Chairman Owens rapped the



THE WIGWAM.

front of the Chairman's desk to Mr. Owens.

After bowing to the applause with which he was greeted, Mr. Owens, in a good voice, addressed the convention.

Mr. Owens had a respectful and an interested hearing, and when he came to the "legions of the bread and butter brigade" the convention cheered again and again.

At the conclusion of the speech the Chairman asked what the pleasure of the convention was. Mr. White, of California, got the floor, and offered a resolution providing that the roll be called to name members of the different committees, and that all resolutions relating to the platform be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without debate, and that the credentials of each delegate be delivered by each delegation to the Committee on Credentials.

General Bragg, of Wisconsin, from the front row, offered as an amendment that the rules of the last Democratic convention govern this body until otherwise ordered.

Mr. White accepted this amendment as being first in order, and temporarily withdrew his resolution, which he again offered after General Bragg's substitute was passed. It was read by Reading Clerk Bell.

Mr. Rhodes, of Alabama, interposed with an amendment, which was read, to provide for a committee on rules in addition to the other committees. There was a brief discussion of the amendment, the explanation being made that the original resolution delegated the work of the proposed committee to the

convention to order, and called upon the Rev. Alfred H. Henry to offer prayer.

He asked that the convention be guided to choose a report sensitive of modern conditions, economy, and prayed that the party might proceed to victory, not for the spoils of office.

Just as the prayer concluded the Iowa phalanx entered the hall, the big blue banner with the picture of Horace Boies borne in front of them. There were cheers from all parts of the hall and the band very inappropriately struck up "Maryland, my Maryland." When the music ceased the temporary chairman brought his gavel down and announced that the first business of the convention would be the report of the committee on credentials. He asked if that committee was ready to report. The committee was not then ready and during the interval Senator Palmer was called upon and made a short speech.

When the chairman announced that the committee on credentials was ready to report, Mr. Lamb, of Indiana, took the platform and in a clear, loud voice read the report. There was no objection to it and it was adopted.

The report of the committee on permanent organization was presented by Mr. Fordyce, of Arkansas, and read by one of the clerks of the convention. It named W. L. Wilson, of West Virginia, for permanent chairman and continued the other officers of the temporary organization. The announcement of Mr. Wilson's name was met with loud applause. The report was adopted without dissent. Mr. Dickinson, of Michigan, moved that a committee of five be

appointed to notify Mr. Wilson of his appointment as Permanent Chairman. The Chairman appointed as the committee: Don M. Dickinson, of Michigan; J. F. Duncombe, Iowa; John B. Fellows, New York; Joseph C. Richardson, Alabama; and M. L. Clardy, Missouri. Temporary Chairman Owens shook hands with Mr. Wilson when he was escorted to the platform, and then said: "Gentlemen of the convention: It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you one of the bravest Democrats in America, William L. Wilson, of West Virginia." As Mr. Wilson came forward he was greeted with a storm of applause. He wore his blue delegate's badge on the lapel of a cutaway coat, under which was prominent a white vest. Mr. Wilson looked calmly over the vast throng, during a minute's silence, and then addressed the convention.

When Mr. Wilson concluded his speech the delegates, rising to their feet, waved their hats as they cheered again and again.

The rules of the last National Democratic Convention were adopted for the government of the convention. No minority report was presented, and on motion the report presented by Mr. English was adopted without objection.

Mr. Phelps of Missouri presented the Chairman with a zinc gavel in disorder, commotion was everywhere.

CLEVELAND'S NOMINATION IS ANNOUNCED TO THE CONVENTION.

Before him sat the representative men of a great party, the men who lead its battles, rejoice in its victories and mourn its defeats. There they spread in front of him, veritably a sea of faces which for the moment was bewildering in its vastness. Practiced speaker as he is, and used as he is to facing great meetings, Mr. Brice for a second or two showed that he is not insensible to the emotions of a supreme moment, and was visibly moved as he advanced to the front of the platform, after demanding silence, to present Rev. John House, who offered prayer. At the close of his invocation the reverend gentleman recited the Lord's prayer, in which he was audibly joined in several parts of the great convention hall.

When prayer was concluded Chairman Brice said: "Gentlemen of the convention, by direction of the National Committee the Chair presents to this convention as its temporary officers the gentlemen named in the list, which the secretary will read."

Secretary Sheerin announced the temporary organization—William C. Owens of Kentucky temporary Chairman; Secretary, S. P. Sheerin, of Indiana; assistant secretaries, W. H. Doyle, Pennsylvania; H. Shepard, Virginia; C. Tilley, Missouri; L. A. Rowley, Michigan; E. E. Wilson, Mississippi; C. R. Deest, New York; J. C. Swaine, Illinois; Principal Reading Clerk, Nicholas M. Bell of Missouri; Sergeant-at-arms, Richard J. Bright of Indiana; official

committee on permanent organization. The amendment was adopted, however, and the resolution as amended went through. The clerk then read the roll-call and the chairman of each delegation handed in or announced the names chosen.

W. E. English, of Indiana, noticing a

committee on permanent organization,

offered a resolution to admit ex-soldiers of the late war to the unoccupied places,

and he moved that the doors be opened to them. There was great applause, but the whole question was shut off on motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, to refer the matter to the committee on resolutions. Mr. Holloman, of Oregon, in the body of the hall, addressed the convention, closing by stating that he held in his hand a telegram giving the glad news that the Republicans of Portland, Oregon, had been defeated by a thousand majority. Great cheering greeted this announcement. Mr. Hall of Kansas, moved that organization clubs be admitted to the vacant seats in the hall, but this resolution was also referred to the Resolutions Committee.

Mr. Cable, of Illinois, offered a resolution of sympathy with James G. Blaine, "that this convention tender its profound sympathy to that distinguished American, James G. Blaine, in the many afflictions that have befallen him." The reading of the name of Mr. Blaine was the signal for an outburst of greater enthusiasm than the convention had known before. The resolution was adopted without dissent. Mr. Sweet of Maine got the floor and briefly thanked the convention on behalf of the Maine delegation.

Gen. Bragg, of Wisconsin, moved that the convention adjourn until 11 o'clock Wednesday. Before the motion was read, the delegates to visit the grounds

asked for information. Fenlon, of Kansas, moves to adjourn. The chair pays no attention to him. "Alabama" again cries the clerk. "Alabama" was the next and at the call a tall, lank Southerner mounts his chair. "Alabama" says. There is a great shout. The Cleveland men are smiling. Again Tammany is in turn. The whole convention knows that Gov. Abbott, of New Jersey, has been chosen to present the name of Grover Cleveland.

Abbott names Cleveland.

A Georgia Freak.

Americus, Ga., has a freak in the shape of a little white puppy, born with only one eye, located in the center of the head, has no upper jawbone or nostrils, and breathes through its mouth.

A Little, Brief Time.

There are methods of measuring the one-millionth part of a second.

The list was adopted without opposition, and the Chair appointed Charles Jewett of Indiana, Thomas Wilson of Minnesota, and Adal E. Stevenson of Illinois to attend Mr. Owens to the speaker's chair. These gentlemen assembled in front of the platform and then proceeded down one of the side aisles to the place where the Kentucky delegation sat. Mr. Owens

## CLEVELAND GETS IT.

### STEVENSON HIS RUNNING MATE.

### STORY OF THE BATTLE.

### HILL AND BOIES ALSO PUT IN NOMINATION.

A Pandemonium of Enthusiasm Fairly Raises the Roof of the Wigwam.—The Air Thick with Hats, Canes, Umbrellas, Coats, Handkerchiefs and Banners.

Wednesday's Evening Session.

Chicago special: Cleveland..... 612  
Illinois..... 114  
Michigan..... 74  
Minnesota.....

When the first taps of the gavel were heard in the Wigwam Wednesday evening the great building was packed from top to bottom. For more than an hour the thousands of hot and impatient people had been bombarding the barn doors or jostling each other in the tunnel entrances. Under the acre of pine roof the heat was intense. No breeze moved the muggy and stagnant atmosphere.

At the announcement that the Committee on Resolutions was ready to report a wild shout went up, and Editor Jones sidled up to the front of the platform and attempted a little extemporaneous introduction to the committee's report, which was drowned out by yells of "Louder!"

The resolutions were handed to Ex-Senator Vilas, of Wisconsin, but before he had a chance to speak Mr. Patterson, member of the committee from Colorado, who was already on the platform, lifted up his voice and cried that

the candidate I have named, cries

Gov. Abbott, "will carry New York."

Up jumps Tammany in protest. "No,"

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answer them. As chance came, the speaker struggled through his speech.

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