

# CHICAGO CONVENTION.

## THOUSANDS OF DEMOCRATS PRESENT.

### WILSON IN THE CHAIR.

#### HARMONY AND ENTHUSIASM PREVAIL.

The Commodious 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 flashed up the gloom of the hall and the building shook in a heavy wind they became frightened and howling 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 speedily allayed the nervousness of the audience.

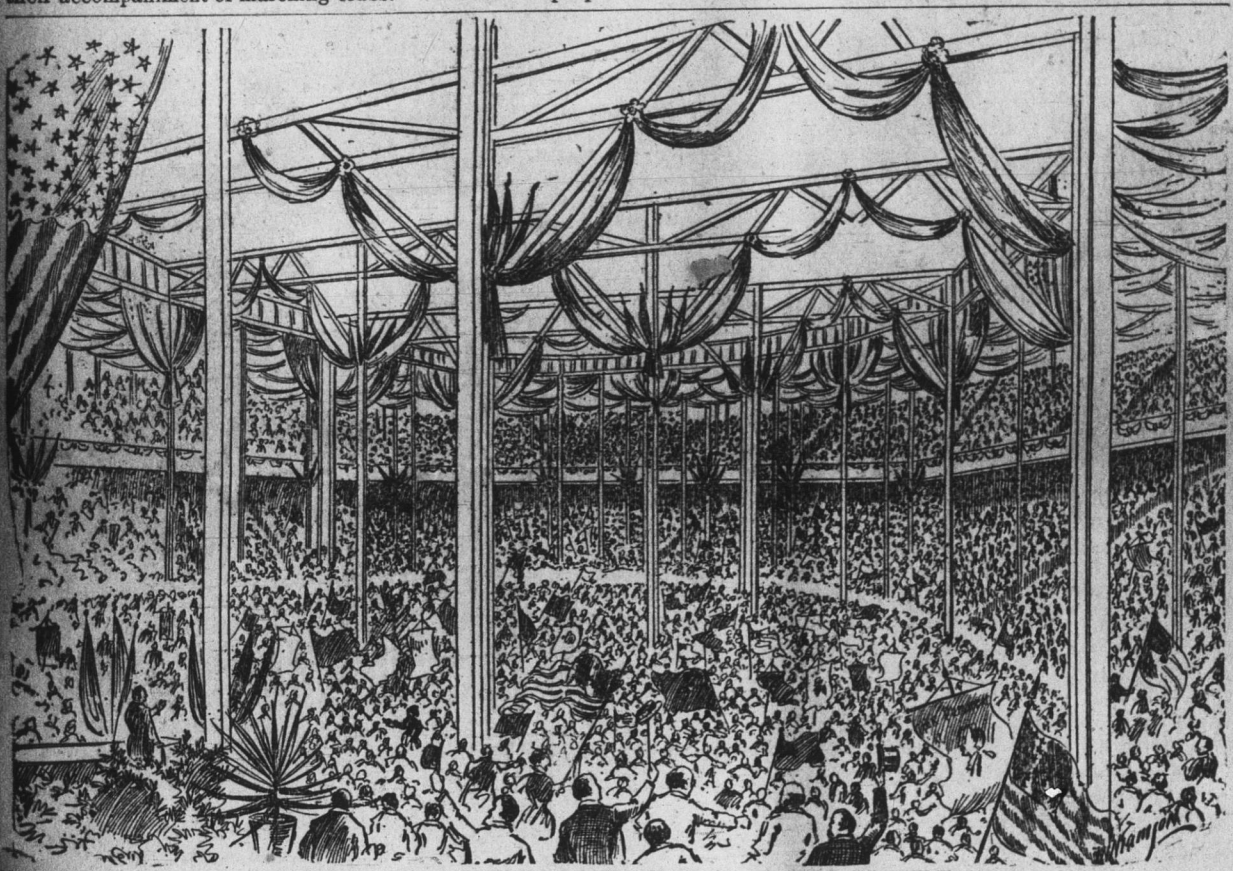
Chairman Brice and a bright ray of sunshine entered the wigwam together



CHAIRMAN BRICE, Calling the Great Convention to Order.

and both were greeted with hearty cheers.

As Mr. Brice rose to request silence, he faced a magnificent scene. Twenty thousand people filled the immense building, gay with its fluttering bunting, the bright colors of ladies' dresses, and the bright hats of the delegates and their accompaniment of marching clubs.



CLEVELAND'S NOMINATION IS ANNOUNCED TO THE CONVENTION.

Before him sat the representative men of a great party, the men who had studied, rejoiced in its victories and mourned its defeats. 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 Rouse, who offered prayer.

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

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



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stenographer, Edward Dickinson, New York.

This list was adopted without opposition, and the chair appointed Charles Jewett of Indiana, Thomas Wilson of Minnesota, and Adlai 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 the aisle to the place where the Kentucky delegation sat. Mr. Owens

arose 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

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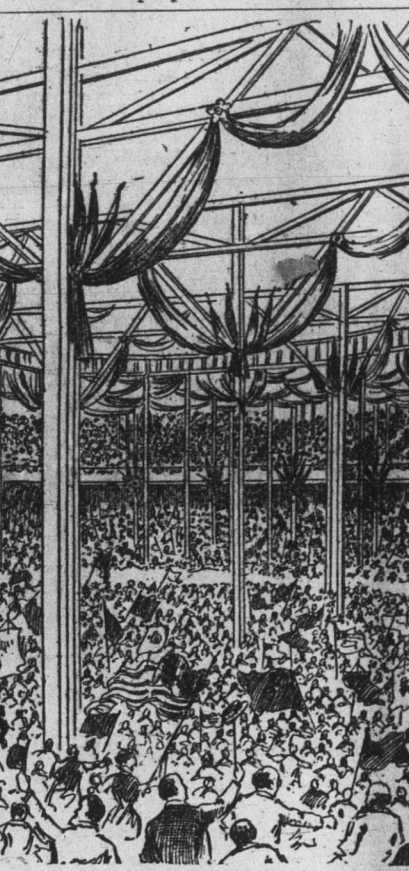
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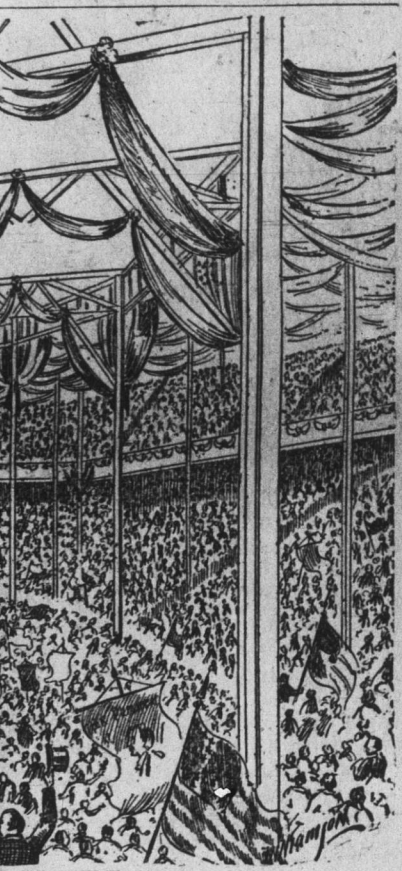
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### STORY OF THE BATTLE.

#### 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 ..... 614

Hill ..... 114

Boies ..... 74

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 bawling the barn doors or jostling each other in the tunnel entrances. Under the arch 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-Secretary 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



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the minority of the committee had a report to make through him, and he should expect the committee to listen to this before ordering the previous question. This suited the convention exactly, and it roused its assent.

Reading of the Platform.

Colonel Vilas stepped to the edge of the platform, resolutions in hand, and slowly and with a powerful voice he began the reading. He got on as far as the reference to the Democratic platform, which he succeeded the immortal Jefferson from Madison to Cleveland when he stopped. He had touched off the powder magazine. The explosion was instantaneous, and it shook the wigwam. With one wild, shrill warwhoop of delight the greater part of the convention and the spectators jumped to their feet and waved hats, handkerchiefs, fans, and umbrellas, and uttered shout after shout, and as fast as one set of throats and arms showed signs of weariness another set took up the jubilation and carried on with increasing volume and greater vibration of light wearing apparel and the adjuncts of hot weather.

The reading finished, like a tip whistle in a hurricane sounded the voice of the Chairman. He called for the adoption of the platform. "The platform is adopted," he cried, and then without a moment's delay: "The next business is the call of the roll for the nomination of candidates for President." The great amphitheater was in disorder, commotion was everywhere.

After the confusion the secretary called the State of Colorado, which replied that it yielded its right to the person of W. C. DeWitt of Brooklyn, took the platform. In due time he said that David Bennett Hill was the candidate of the common people. Mr. DeWitt made ingenious use of Senator Hill's reputation for partisanship, and made a clever appeal to the convention not to nominate a New York man who was not sustained by the delegation of his own State. He distributed graceful compliments to Boies and Palmer and Gorman and Folsom and Carlisle, whose friends were invited to reciprocate.

John F. Duncombe, of Fort Dodge, in a speech characteristic of the brainy Iowa, placed the nomination of Gov. Boies before the convention. At the mention of the Governor's name his audience became wildly enthusiastic, and, being in the midst of the applause of the other delegations, it was some time before the speaker could conclude.

The nominations being seconded the convention proceeded to ballot, and at 8:20 o'clock Thursday morning the result of the first ballot was announced. The necessary 605 votes had been recorded for Cleveland.

The Voice in Detail.

The vote by States in detail was as follows:

State	Cleveland	Hill	Boies	Scattering
Alabama	14	2	1	5
Arkansas	18	1	1	1
California	18	1	1	1
Colorado	12	1	1	1
Connecticut	12	1	1	1
Florida	6	1	1	1
Georgia	17	1	1	1
Idaho	17	1	1	1
Indiana	30	1	1	1
Iowa	20	1	1	1
Kansas	20	1	1	1
Kentucky	18	1	1	1
Louisiana	18	1	1	1
Maine	9	1	1	1
Maryland	24	1	1	1
Massachusetts	24	1	1	1
Michigan	24	1	1	1
Minnesota	24	1	1	1
Missouri	24	1	1	1
Mississippi	8	1	1	1
Montana	15	1	1	1
Nebraska	15	1	1	1
Nevada	15	1	1	1
New Hampshire	20	1	1	1
New Jersey	20	1	1	1
New York	72	1	1	1
North Dakota	15	1	1	1
Ohio	14	1	1	1
Oregon	14	1	1	1
Pennsylvania	14	1	1	1
Rhode Island	1	1	1	1
South Carolina	1	1	1	1
South Dakota	1	1	1	1
Texas	23	1	1	1
Vermont	8	1	1	1
Virginia	11	1	1	1
Washington	8	1	1	1
West Virginia	8	1	1	1
Wisconsin	24	1	1	1
Wyoming	3	1	1	1
Arizona	4	1	1	1
Delaware	2	1	1	1
Illinois	2	1	1	1
Alabama	2	1	1	1
Indian Territory	2	1	1	1
Alaska	2	1	1	1

The Tammany leaders are on their feet. Sheehan is in front. He turns toward his delegation and beckons them to rise and come forward. He shakes his head as they refuse to rise. He says: "Tawny mustache. Don't Dickinson rub his hands with satisfaction. The crucial moment has arrived. A curly headed clerk steps to the edge of the platform and sings out in a high nasal tone: "State of Alabama."

A dozen men are standing on chairs asking for information. Fenlon, of Kansas, moves to adjourn. The chair pays no attention to him. "Alabama," again cries the clerk. "Arkansas" is the next, and at the call a tall, lank Southerner mounts his chair. "Arkansas yields its place to New Jersey," he says. There is a great shout. The Cleveland men are smiling. Again Tammany is in turmoil. The whole convention knows that Gov. Abbott, of New Jersey, has been chosen to present the name of Grover Cleveland.

Abbett Names Cleveland.

Slowly the New Jersey Governor walked down the center aisle. He is broad-shouldered, heavily bearded, dignified. He climbs the steps and Chairman Wilson meets him with outstretched hand. In slow and measured tones he began to speak. "It is the name of a

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## HOW THE PARTY STANDS ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

### Republican Protection Declared to Be a Fraud on Labor to Benefit a Few—A Tariff for Revenue Only—The Colnage Question.

Text of the Resolutions.

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