

## GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

## POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

**The Meeting of the Michigan Democrats.**  
Detroit, Mich., July 10.—The democratic state convention met at the opera house at Lansing at noon to-day. The convention was called to order by D. M. Dickinson, chairman of the state central committee. D. Foster Pratt was chosen temporary chairman. After the transaction of the customary routine work the convention took a recess until 2:30 p.m. On reassembling the convention effected a permanent organization and re-elected D. Foster Pratt permanent chairman. The following resolutions were adopted:

The democratic party of the state of Michigan in convention assembled, renewing its fidelity to its time honored principles, and for the safe preservation of the national credit, and the nation's faith, for the constitution and the laws, and for the great truth that this is a government of the people, where the will of the people should rule, hereby declare:

That we arraign the republican party for its corruption in office, its unwise legislation and its wicked perversion of the people's will as expressed at the polls. It has squandered the public funds and lands, and corrupted the body politic; it has placed men in office, dishonest and incapable, who have used their positions as private perquisites. It has legislated for the rich, oppressed the poor, and given the gilded millionaire. It has burdened each man and city with debt and taxation, and driven them to the verge of bankruptcy. It has driven our commerce from the sea, and destroyed our once powerful navy. It completed its career of crime and honor by stealing the great wealth from the people, and placing a fraud in the presidential chair.

2. We endorse the investigation of the electoral frauds to the end, that the truth of history be vindicated and a repetition of such crimes prevented.

3. We declare that gold and silver coin is the money of the constitution, and that paper currency should be converted into such coins at the will of the holder. We are opposed to the further reduction in the volume of the currency, and we affirm the action of congress prohibiting such reduction. We declare that the prostrate condition of the business interests of the country imperatively demand that taxation, state and national, shall be reduced to the lowest point consistent with the attainment of the objects for which such taxes shall be levied, and that economy shall be practiced in every department of the government. We deplore the reduction of over \$15 million dollars in the national expenditures during the last four years, and which result was secured by the democratic house of representatives.

The following state officers were nominated: For governor, Orlando M. Barnes; for lieutenant governor, A. P. Swinford, of Marquette; for treasurer, Alex McFarlin, of Genesee; for secretary of state, George H. Murdock, of Berrien; for auditor, General W. J. B. Schermerhorn, of Lenawee; for commissioner state land office, George H. Lord, of Bay; for attorney general, A. B. Morse, of Ionia; for superintendent of public instruction, F. F. Freeland; for member of the board of education E. F. Uhl, of Grand Rapids; for chairman of the state central committee, William B. Moran, of Detroit. The convention adjourned at 6 o'clock.

## The Missouri Democrats.

St. Louis, July 10.—The democratic state convention met at Jefferson City at 11 a.m. General John A. Hockaday was temporary chairman, who in a brief address endorsed the policy of paying national bonds in greenbacks, and giving the country less bonds and more greenbacks. The usual committees were appointed, and the convention took a recess until 2 o'clock. The convention reassembled at 2 p.m., but none of the committees were ready to report, several delegates were called on and made speeches; among them, ex-Governor Woodson, who, among other things, said the man whom the democrats had elected to the presidency when the crisis came proved himself unequal to the contest, and if he had had the courage of Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, and had stated to the people of the United States, "You have elected me to the first office in your gift, and by the eternal God I will be president," he would now be president.

James O. Brodhead, of St. Louis, was elected permanent president, with a vice president from each congressional district; A. A. Lesser, secretary, with five assistants. The committee on resolutions was then appointed, and after an absence of some time, during which several meetings were made, principally on the financial question, ex-Governor Woodson reported the following platform:

The democratic party of the state of Missouri in convention assembled declare, its confidence in and unshaken adherence to the great principles of democratic representative government; its devotion to the national Union and constitution, with the amendments thereto; its unswerving maintenance of the freedom of the press, and the right of the military to a free and independent action; its opposition to large standing armies in time of peace, purity of elections and their absolute freedom from all interference; the officers of the federal government, civil or military, and profound respect for the popular will, fairly and legally expressed at the ballot-box; a fixed purpose to expose and punish all political fraud and corruption; the political equality of all citizens; the inalienable right of the people to self-government, and the right of the people to associate with the rights of others; the universal education and general and active participation by the body of the people in public affairs. We congratulate the country upon the fact that now, for the first time, the southern hostile states of peace in accordance with the constitution and laws has been reached in our southern states.

We solemnly arraign and condemn the high treason, rebellion and faithless to the people of the United States in their efforts to investigate and expose the wicked and glaring frauds by which the will of the people at the last presidential election was defeated. It is difficult to say so well in view of the spirit with which it was organized and while the decision made by the Forty-fourth congress of the question as to who should be president of the United States for the present presidential term was in our judgment, a full investigation and exposure of the funds connected with the election and the one accountability of all who were guilty concerned with them, and we heartily commend the action of the majority of the house of representatives in their prompt investigation.

We regard the national bank as being oppressive and burdensome, and demand its abolition and the retirement from circulation of all bank notes, and the issue of bank notes in smaller denominations in their stead, and in quantities from time to time sufficient to supply the wholesome and necessary business demands of the entire country, and that all greenbacks so issued shall be used in the purchase and distribution of the products of the United States, so that the interest bearing debts of the country may be lessened to the extent of the greenbacks thus put in circulation. Legal tender notes commonly called greenbacks should be made legal tender in payment of all debts public and private, except such obligations as are in the terms of the original contract expressly made payable in coin.

4. That the right to coin money and regulate the value thereof can be exercised unconditionally by the Congress alone, and that the possession of the power imposes the duty of its exercise to the extent of all gold and silver bullion offered for minting at the mint of the United States, and we regard the limitations and restrictions imposed by congress upon coining of silver as impolitic and unjust, and should be once removed.

That a return to specie payment is a sine qua non of the safety of the currency of the United States, and also under the terms of the treaty which the territory was acquired, her application was resisted, and her admission was finally purchased by the unconstitutional concession called the "McDowell compromise." When the establishment of a political geographical line was announced to the people of the democracy, who full of years and honors, in retirement watched with profound solicitude the course of government, he had seen which contributed to a change in his prophetic vision, and the end of which this was the beginning.

Weil may we rejoice in the regained possession of local self government, in the power of the people to choose their own representatives and to legislate uncontrolled by the bayonet, and the great victory, and the triumph of another as the signal to it, a total non-interference by the federal government with the domestic affairs of the states, the renewal of the the time honored doctrine of state sovereignty, and the exercise of law will secure permanent peace, freedom and prosperity. A form of government must correspond to the character of the people for which it is formed. It is therefore that republics have failed whenever corruption entered into the government and rendered the people unworthy to rule.

Then they became the fit subjects of despotism and a despot is always at hand to respond to a call. A Caesar could not subject a people who went fit to be free, nor a Bonaparte, and the fortitude with which our people have borne the oppression imposed on them in the war was closed the resolve will with which they have struggled against poverty and oppression, their high courage and the best assurance of final triumph. Well may we rejoice in the regained possession of local self government, in the power of the people to choose their own representatives and to legislate uncontrolled by the bayonet, and the great victory, and the triumph of another as the signal to it, a total non-interference by the federal government with the domestic affairs of the states, the renewal of the the time honored doctrine of state sovereignty, and the exercise of law will secure permanent peace, freedom and prosperity.

The constitution of the United States, interpreted as it was by those who made it, is the prophet's red to sweeten the bitter water from which flowed the strife, and the despot is always at hand to respond to a call. A Caesar could not subject a people who went fit to be free, nor a Bonaparte, and the fortitude with which our people have borne the oppression imposed on them in the war was closed the resolve will with which they have struggled against poverty and oppression, their high courage and the best assurance of final triumph.

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COX'S ATTEMPTS TO BROW-BEAT.

Weber was on the stand three hours under Mr. Cox's cross-examination. He several times became very much excited, accused Mr. Cox of brow-beating him, and appealed to the committee for protection.

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