

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 ressembling the convention 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, standing for a sacred 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, do hereby declare:

1. That we arraign the republican party for its corruption in office, its unscrupulousness and its wickedness in the people's eyes as expressed at the polls. It has squandered the public funds and lands and corrupted the body of the people. It has placed men in office, dishonest and incapable, who have used their positions as private perquisites. It has created a rich, oppressed and degraded class of monopolies. It has burdened each town and city with debt and taxation, and driven them to the verge of ruin. It has driven our commerce from the sea, and destroyed our once powerful navy. It completed its career of crime and dishonesty by the removal of the people from office, 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 reputation 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 coin at the will of the holder. We are opposed to the further forcible reduction of the value of the currency, and we affirm the action of congress prohibiting such reduction. We declare that the prostrate condition of the country imperatively demands that taxation, both state and national, shall be reduced to the lowest point consistent with the maintenance of the government for which such taxes shall be levied, and that economy shall be practiced in every department of the government.

4. We demand the reduction of over fifty million dollars in the national expenditures during the last four years, and which result is controlled by the democratic house of representatives.

The following state officers were nominated: For governor, Orlando M. Barnes; for lieutenant governor, A. P. Winford, of Marquette; for treasurer, Alex. McFarlin, of Genesee; for secretary, Geo. A. McFarlin, of Marquette; for auditor, General W. J. Schermerhorn, of Lenawee; for commissioner of state land office, George H. Lord, of Bay; for attorney general, A. B. Morse, of Ionia; for superintendent of public instruction, F. 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 the national party 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 being ready to report several delegates were called on and made speeches; among them ex-governor Woodson, who, after a long and able address, 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 president, and I will be president, 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 more speeches were made, principally on the financial question, ex-governor Woodson reported the following platform:

1. The democratic party of the state of Missouri in convention assembled, declare its confidence in the national party, and its great principles of democratic representative government; its devotion to the national union and constitution; its opposition to the policy of secession; its maintenance of the following principles, namely, strict subordination of the military to the civil power, opposition to land grants, and the exercise of the federal government will only on the 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 maintenance of the rights of all citizens; the largest right of individual liberty consistent with the rights of others; the universal education and general and active participation of the body of the people in public affairs. We congratulate the country upon the fact that nearly a year since the democratic party has taken the state of Missouri in accordance with the constitution and laws has been reached in our southern states.

2. We solemnly arraign and condemn the high electoral commission as faithless to the people of the United States in refusing to investigate and punish the frauds and the frauds by which the will of the people at the last presidential election was defeated. Its refusal to do so was in violation of the spirit of the law and the letter of the constitution, and while the decision made by the Forty-fourth congress of the question as to who should be president of the United States was a presidential term was in our judgment final, that decision ought not to preclude a full investigation and exposure of the frauds connected with the election and the exercise of ability of all who were guilty concerned with them, and we heartily commend the action of the majority of the house of representatives in pursuing such investigation.

3. We regard the national banking system as being oppressive and burdensome, and demand its repeal, and the return of the currency to circulation of all the bank notes and the issue of legal tender notes. In view thereof, and in view of the fact that the government is unable to supply the wholesome and necessary business demands of the entire country, and that all greenbacks so issued shall be redeemed by the government, we demand the redemption of the bonds 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, and the exercise of notes commonly called greenbacks should be made a legal tender in payment of all debts public and private, 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 be exercised under the constitution by the congress alone, and that the possession of the power to issue legal tender be given to the extent of all gold and silver bullion offered for coinage at the mints of the United States, and that the exercise of such power be restricted by congress upon coinage of silver as impolitic and unjust, and should at once be removed.

5. That a return to specie payment is impossible in the present financial condition of the country, and we demand the immediate and unconditional repeal of the act of congress of January 1, 1875, known as the resumption act, holding the same to be unwise and ruinous to the interests of the people.

6. The policy inaugurated and maintained by the republican party of contracting the active circulating medium of the country, constituting, as it does, the standard of the value of the property of the people of the country, and requesting as well the prices paid for all labor, stands prominent in the long list of its oppressive measures as all, being opposed to all monopolies and all, discriminating in favor of one class of our people at the expense of the rights of all others. We declare an unqualified hostility to all protective tariffs, and demand that there shall be no tariff which shall be a burden upon the people.

7. The democracy tenders to the debtor and laboring class of the country its warmest sympathy, and pledges itself at the earliest practicable moment to revise the criminal and destructive policy of the republican party which brought ruin upon them. We demand that all

legislation shall be so enacted and administered as to secure to each man as nearly as possible the just rewards of his own labor. That in view of the large appropriation made by the federal government for works of public improvement on the seaboard and lakes, justice to the tributaries of the Mississippi valley demands that appropriation shall be made for improvement of the Mississippi river, and that the interests of the commercial water and interests of this section of the country, and believing in the constitutional power of the government to hold the constitution of national enterprises which serve to benefit large sections of the country and which can not be accomplished by individual enterprise or state action, we favor such legislation in this behalf as will not increase the national indebtedness or impose any additional burden upon the people. Such a policy, in our opinion, whilst it would cheapen the cost of transportation and add to our agricultural wealth, would not increase the national indebtedness to the surplus labor of the country.

8. That there can be no legitimate employment of an organized force in this country except to execute the laws and maintain the public peace. That reform must be made in the national and municipal government, and that the people should be free from the disservice of unnecessary and incompetent officers and employees, and the strict enforcement of official responsibility. In the Indiana democracy, we declare that the jurisdiction claimed and exercised by the circuit courts of the United States in the enforcement of the laws of the state is a violation of the rights of the people, and we demand such legislation as will restrict and limit the jurisdiction of such courts to the enforcement of the laws of the state, and the constitution and expressed in the judiciary act of 1875.

9. We favor and invite immigration to our state from all sections of the country. Mr. McCann, of St. Louis, moved to amend the report by adding a resolution in favor of a change in the character of our bonded indebtedness by a law whereby the present outstanding bonds of the state may be called in, and there be substituted therefor registered bonds bearing a reasonable rate of interest, and a term of redemption, namely, in sums of \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 each.

The question was taken on the amendment and it was lost—yeas, 114; noes, 135. The platform was then adopted unanimously.

The following ticket was then nominated, and the convention adjourned. Judge of the court, E. J. Norton; register of lands, J. E. McHenry; state superintendent of public schools, R. D. Shannon; railroad commissioner, A. M. Sevier. The three first named are the present incumbents.

THE DEAD PAST.

Jefferson Davis Contrasts It with the Living Present—A Remarkable Speech at Mississippi City Yesterday.

NEW ORLEANS, July 10.—A Mississippi City dispatch says: The following is a brief synopsis of the address made to-day by Jefferson Davis on the occasion of the presentation to him of a gold badge and a certificate of membership of the association of the army of the Tennessee.

Colonel James Lingam made the presentation address. Mr. Davis, after expressing gratitude for the kindness and honor conferred, recapitulated the stirring events of the war and the hardships endured, and said:

The question of the state right of secession in 1861 was at least debatable, but the course pursued by the federal government in the war had ceased to be debatable. The judgment of the people who held separation to be necessary for the safety and freedom of the country, and who attempted to separate left those in power to work their will as it had been manifest when they first got control of the government.

The events are too recent to require recapitulation, and the ruin they have developed require no other memorial than the material and moral wreck which the country presents. The speaker reassured his hearers of his unshaken belief in the right of secession and the duty of the citizen to resist to the death the cause of state secession. He reviewed the campaigns from Fort Henry to Shiloh, and speaking of the grand presence inspired you with unmeasured confidence and the hope of happier days when opportunity should offer, and you followed, as I verily believe, you did, the greatest soldier, the ablest man, civil or military, the greatest of our age. Mr. Davis then reviewed the operations about Vicksburg and Port Hudson, and spoke in glowing terms of his defenders. He said: "Let no man suppose that in this country we are in any way indebted to your gallant deeds, I am seeking to disturb such peace as we have or to avoid a duty which is laid upon us by the duty in the past, and I would ask no more than that you should fulfill equally well the duties of the present and the future. We are brave and we are also the truest to every obligation assumed. You struck for independence and were unsuccessful. You agreed to return to the Union and abide by the constitution and the laws made in conformity with it. Thus far and no farther do I understand your promise to extend." He then reviewed the operations of the congress which followed the war he said the tax-payers knew that an increased burden was imposed upon them by the federal government, and that the merchants and shipowners. They know that we have lost the carrying trade, and to what will they assign the policy which prevents the better relations which we have with the world? The flag during the war, which imposed such duties upon raw material as to increase the burden of the people, and the registration of a foreign built ship, though it be by purchase the property of citizens of the United States. "Will the people, if they are the source of all power, allow a long continuance of such palpable wrongs to the masses, such ruin to the laboring class, such degradation to the means of prosperity? A form of government must correspond to the character of the people for which it is formed. It is the great virtue of the American people, which they have struggled against poverty and official pilage is their highest glory, and give the best assurance of final triumph. Government is the power of the people to elect their own representatives and to legislate uncontrolled by the bayonet. This is the great virtue of the American people, which they have struggled against poverty and official pilage is their highest glory, and give the best assurance of final triumph. 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