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Democratic Convention.

The Jasper county democratic convention met in the court house last Saturday and put the following ticket in nomination:

Treasurer; Ammon Beasley, Remington.
Recorder; Judson J. Hunt, Rensselaer.
Sheriff; Frank Fisher, Kankakee township.
Surveyor; Elwood Spriggs, Keener township.
Coroner; Dr. Pothouse, Remington.
Commissioner, 1st District, Wm. Cooper, Union township.
Commissioner, 2nd District, John Stillman, Remington.

The following delegates were elected, unopposed, to the state convention: Presley E. Davis, Wheatfield, N. S. Bates, Rensselaer. W. M. Hoover Rensselaer. A. K. Yeoman, Pleasant Ridge. A. Beasley, Remington. D. W. Shields, Rensselaer.

The delegation is divided on the silver question, there being at least two silver men who will not vote the ticket if the national convention does not adopt a 16 to 1 plank. There are no bolters however among the goldbug contingent.

Mr. Stillman, who is named as their candidate for commissioner of the second district is a leading populist, and it is understood that he will decline the honor, if he has not already done so.

The following delegates were chosen to go to the congressional convention:

Ceo. O. Steurbel, I. E. French, D. W. Shields, C. E. Haslaeher, Geo. Morehead and C. D. Nowels.

In the matter of calling the congressional convention to elect delegates to the national convention, the chairman is obliged to defer the announcement for another week as arrangements for a speaker are not yet concluded. The call will be issued next week.

Appalling Cyclone at St. Louis.

This morning's early editions of the Chicago papers contain indefinite reports of an awful loss of life and property at St. Louis at 4 p. m. yesterday. It is thought that 1,000 lives were lost. A large fleet of river boats, including a loaded excursion boat, are said to have been sunk with all on board. The grand stand filled with people at the race track was wrecked; the great Eads bridge was swept away with a train loaded with passengers; the big convention hall was destroyed and hundreds of other buildings in the city. All telegraph communication was cut off.

Labor creates all wealth and pays for everything.

Your head was given you for the purpose of thinking.

"Harmony" is the devil's wail against being disturbed.

"The advance agent of prosperity"—that's a good one.

The man who talks about a 50 cent dollar is a demagogue.

Now is the time to circulate reform literature. Let all help.

We have arrived at a crisis. Put your shoulders to the wheel and work.

No man is under obligations to submit tamely to a wrong in his own party.

Free silver with bank control of the currency would do but little or no good.

You are poor now but you will be poorer than this if we don't win this victory.

The silver question is in danger of being slaughtered in the house of its friends—talked to death.

If God is our common father, then all men are brothers, and some men treat their brothers very shabbily.

Self interest is the only politics which the rich have, and they use the "yaller dog" voters to help them get richer.

President Cleveland began his "civil service reform" work after he got the positions all filled with democrats.

Most of the politicians who are talking so much about bolting will curl up on the floor after national convention.

The coinage of the whole silver product of the United States would not be sufficient increase of the currency to keep pace with the growth of population.

HISTORY OF A WEEK.

THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS UP TO DATE.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Doings of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accident Record.

CASUALTIES.

The Aultman & Taylor warehouse at Mansfield, Ohio, in which was stored many thrashers and separators, was struck by lightning during the storm shortly before midnight Sunday. The structure, said to be the largest frame building in the state, was completely destroyed within an hour with all its contents, and only active work by the firemen and a heavy wind prevailing at the time prevented the destruction of other of the shops. The loss will exceed \$100,000, well insured.

Charles Wilson, aged 22, a locomotive fireman, was killed in the Kankakee yards.

Burglars broke into the shoe store of O. A. Haase & Co. at Neenah, Wis., and stole a lot of shoes.

Arthur James, of Peoria, was attacked by footpads at Bloomington, Ill., and robbed of a gold watch and a sum of money.

The tank in one of the blowing-rooms of the Hartford City, Ind., Glass Company gave way Sunday and many tons of molten glass spread on the floor, setting the building on fire. An explosion of natural gas blew one end out of the tank and severely burned William Sutton and John Worthen. The accident throws 600 men out of work. The loss is not under \$8,000.

A destructive cloudburst occurred near Marshalltown, Iowa, about 1 o'clock Sunday morning between State Center and La Moine, along the Chicago and Northwestern track. It swept away three bridges and washed out about a mile of the railroad track and badly damaged another mile.

A car on the Agate avenue line of the Denver tramway company got out of the control of the motorman near midnight last night, jumped the track at a curve when going down hill at high speed, and turned over. Twelve persons in all received injuries. There were seventy-four passengers on the car.

FOREIGN.

The marquis de Noailles, formerly minister and ambassador to Italy and ambassador at Constantinople, has been appointed to succeed M. Herbetie as French ambassador at Berlin.

John S. Johnson, the American bicyclist, was beaten by Jacquelin by several lengths in both heats of the two-kilometers match Monday. Johnson came in third in the race of 2,000 meters, being beaten by Rebne and Durand.

Re-enforcements from the south having been unable to penetrate the trocha to relieve Gen. Maceo, the position of that leader may be regarded as exceedingly critical. It is estimated that he is confronted with a Spanish army of at least 2,000. If Maceo succeeds in passing the trocha it will be only after hard work and at the cost of the lives of many of his followers.

M. Hanotaux, French minister for foreign affairs, has received a telegram from the French consul in Crete, reporting serious disturbances at Canea. A French cruiser has been ordered to proceed there at once.

The United States training ship Essex has left Southampton for Havre.

CRIME.

Mrs. Viola Hocking, a prominent dressmaker at Knoxville, Tenn., was acquitted on a charge of burning her house for insurance money.

August Guenther, 45 years old, shot his wife, Minnie, at their home, 54 Hackman street, Cleveland, Ohio, and then turned the weapon on himself. Both are dead. The tragedy was the result of a family quarrel.

In the circuit court the jury in the case of John Holzherr for the murder of his wife on June 18, 1895, returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, giving him nineteen years in the southern prison at Jeffersonville.

Orville Gump and L. Sweeney, of St. Omaha, have been arrested on warrants sworn out by County Attorney Baldridge. The former is charged with accepting a bribe and the latter with offering the money for the purpose of influencing the jury in the Bolln case. George A. Wheeler was shot at Kunkel, Ohio, and instantly killed by Lewis Wertz, who charged Wheeler with intimacy with his wife.

Word has been received at San Bernardo, Mexico, of an attack made by a band of renegade Indians upon the Lojos ranch, near here. The Indians killed eighteen persons, several of them being women and children. As soon as the news of the outrage reached there a volunteer company of sixty men was formed and started in pursuit of the Indians.

James Duberry, who is alleged to have murdered Frank Jeffers at Gowan, I. T., has been arrested at Grape Creek, Ill., and will be taken to Fort Smith, Ark., for trial.

Francis J. Kieckhofer, late chief of the bureau of accounts and disbursement officer of the state department, was arrested on warrants charging him with embezzlement July 2, 1895, of \$18,229; on Aug. 10, 1895, of \$2,399, and on Oct. 22 of the same year of \$16,837.

George Welburn of Rockport, Mo., fatally stabbed Frank Fisher of Callaway county. Jealousy prompted the attack. Welburn was to have been married to Ada Wells, who was persuaded to visit the bride celebration with Fisher instead.

van, Ill., after a quarrel with his wife, committed suicide by shooting.

BOIES AND SILVER.

DEMOCRATS OF IOWA ADOPT THEIR PLATFORM.

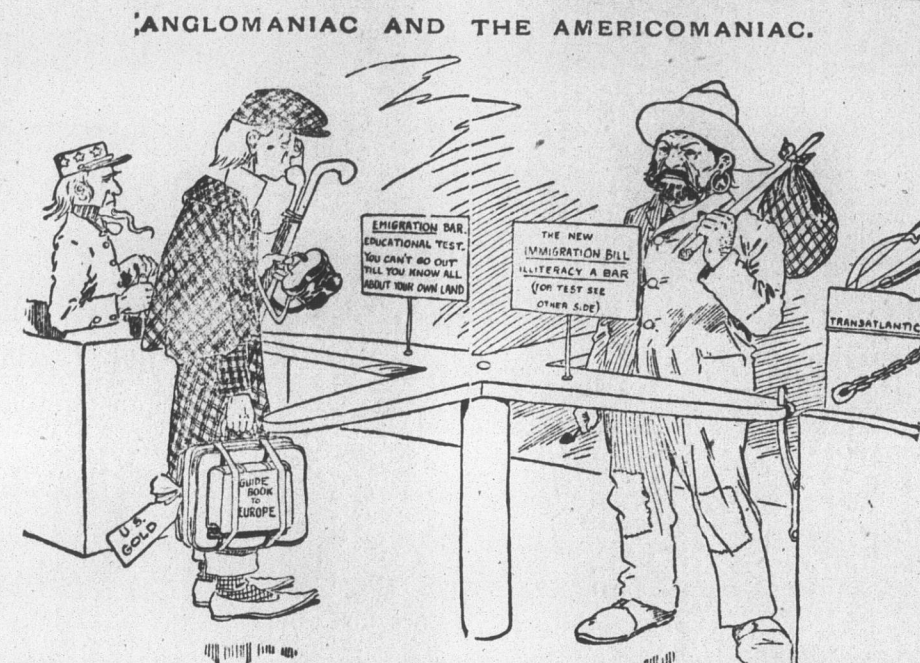
Friends of the White Metal Have Full Control of the Convention at Dubuque—Delegates Instructed to Vote as a Unit.

The democratic state convention met in the city of Dubuque Wednesday in the Grand Opera-House. The silver men controlled every move and the final result is that, with the exception of the delegates from two



HORACE BOIES.

districts, the Iowa delegation to Chicago is solid and uncompromisingly for the white metal. Even the districts captured by the gold men are of no



A VERY POOR RULE THAT DOESN'T WORK BOTH WAYS—INTER OCEAN.

benefit to them because of the adoption of an iron-clad unit rule in the instructions.

The following delegates-at-large were chosen: Horace Boies, S. B. Evans, Will Wells and S. T. Genung.

Following is the financial plank adopted:

"We hold to the use of both gold and silver as the standard money of the country, and to the coinage of both gold and silver without discrimination against either metal or charge for mintage. We favor the immediate repeal of all laws by which silver was demonetized and demand its unqualified restoration to the right of free and unlimited coinage in the mints of the United States as money of final redemption at the old ratio of 16 to 1.

"We hereby enter our most earnest protest against all schemes for the retirement of our non-interest-bearing national paper currency, and the substitution therefor of \$500,000,000 of interest-bearing bonds to become an additional burden upon the producing classes, that national banks may be supplied with interest-bearing capital on which to transact their individual business. And we also protest against the further issuance and sale of government bonds to acquire gold with which to redeem the same with the coin of either metal it may possess in strict accordance with both the spirit and the letter of the law."

"Reposing full faith and confidence in the democracy, patriotism and ability of Horace Boies, formerly governor of the state of Iowa, we hereby declare it to be the bounden duty of every patriot in Iowa, without regard to former party affiliations, to use all honorable means to secure his nomination at the democratic national convention to be held at Chicago, July 7, 1896, for the high and responsible office of president of these United States."

DISCREDITS THE REPORT.

Taubeneck Knows Nothing of Alleged Fusion with Indiana Democrats.

St. Louis, Mo., Special: The announcement from Indiana that the populists of every state are to fuse with the democrats in case a free-silver platform is adopted has excited much interest among local populists. Chairman Taubeneck of the people's party national executive committee, when seen, said: "I know absolutely nothing of the story. No populist, bimetalist, or silver democrat has ever mentioned this to me. If the populists of Indiana have agreed to a combination of this kind they have not taken any one into their confidence. So far as the national committee of the people's party is concerned there is no truth in the report."

Plans of Iowa Gold Men.

Jefferson, Iowa, Special: State Committeeman John McCarthy says a conference of the state committee, which stands eight for "sound money" and three for silver, was held and a plan formulated which will be put into operation in case the silver men should control the national convention. He says there is fun ahead.

THE TRADE REVIEW.

Dun & Co Report Business Fairly Brisk —The Week's Failures.

T. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The waiting condition which seems to some people better than a stagnation, still continues. But there is a difference. Thousands of orders and contracts are merely deferred because they can be more safely given a little later. There is nothing exciting in the speculative market for exportable products, and the stories about damage to wheat have been numerous, but the general belief regarding the future supply is fairly reflected in the decline of 1.62 cents per bushel. The western receipts continue larger—for three weeks 5,818,625 bushels, against 4,362,537 last year, while Atlantic exports, flour included, have been only 3,198,803 bushels for the same weeks, against 4,749,674 last year.

The home market fails entirely to respond to short crop stories, for it is known that western reports indicate a crop exceeding last year's. Cotton speculation lifted the price a fraction for a day or two, but it declined again, and such movements are always easily controlled. The European and American mill supplies, with commercial stocks, still exceed maximum consumption for the crop year, and the promise for the coming crop is decidedly good.

If the output of pig iron were always a reliable barometer of business conditions, as some suppose, the returns of furnaces in blast May 1, according to the Iron Age, 188,319 tons, against 187,451 April 1, would be convincing. But the increase of stocks unsold since

Rich Retired Politicians.

What becomes of the retired politicians? An immense number of men may be discovered in the land, by the careful observer, who some years ago enjoyed political office and some measure of distinction. Suddenly they receded from view, never more to be heard of. These men were taken up by the two old parties, exploited a little while and now lead private lives. It will invariably be found that these men are comfortably off, having assured incomes and have an easy time of it. The explanation of the phenomenon is that these men were tools. They were put in office for the sake of certain dirty work necessary to be done. Their tasks finished, their owners had no more use for them. Therefore, they were allowed to retire, after snugly lining their own nests. Of all the men thus benefitted, not a memorial of their usefulness to the people remains. The country was looked upon as a great field for plunder and treated accordingly. We are so big a nation, so wealthy and so careless, that we endure this sort of thing a long time. Now we are beginning to investigate such phenomena more carefully. There is a good deal of it left to investigate.—Twentieth Century.

The First Telegraph.

The first telegraph line ever constructed in this country was owned and operated by the government (from 1844 to 1847) and when it was turned over to a private corporation the great Whig statesman, Henry Clay, and the democratic postmaster general, entered a vigorous protest against it. A majority of the nations of the world own their telegraph lines and the cost of sending a message is usually less than half what it is in the United States. Government ownership of the telegraph lines is one of the demands of the Omaha platform which "we can recall with a great deal of pleasure."

DELEGATES TO ST. LOUIS.

Call to Indiana Populists Authorizing Their Selection.

To the Voters of the People's Party. Under the call of the Peoples party, Indiana is entitled to thirty delegates to the national convention.

The state central committee by virtue of the authority vested in it by the national committee have apportioned the delegates among the several districts of this state as follows:

Each district under the new apportionment is entitled to two delegates, and the First, Second, Fifth and Ninth districts are each entitled to additional delegate, on the basis of the vote cast for Dr. Robinson for secretary of state.

The Seventh district having already selected two delegates at its district convention, the action of said district, and any other districts having taken similar action, has been approved by the state committee. The basis of representation to the district convention will be the same as for district conventions under last call.

District committeemen are authorized to reconvene their district conventions, or call new ones, for the selection of national delegates.

Under the foregoing apportionment there will be no delegates at large, as it was thought best to apportion all among the several districts as above indicated.

District chairmen will, under the above instructions, fix such time and place as their respective judgments may indicate.

N. T. BUTTS, Chairman.

S. M. SHEPARD, Secretary.

Reform papers will please copy and keep standing.

Letter from Taubeneck.

The following is a letter written by Chairman Taubeneck to the Joliet [Ill.] News in reply to an inquiry regarding a fake dispatch recently sent out from Indianapolis:

Chas. H. Ferris, Joliet, Ill.—My Dear Sir: Yours of the 20th inst., enclosing clipping from the Chicago Record, containing press dispatch from Indianapolis dated May 16, giving what is supposed to be the proceedings of a conference between the Indiana Bimetalists and Silver Democrats, received yesterday. In reply will state that so far as headquarters and the National Committee are concerned, there is not one word of truth in the report. It is a deliberate falsehood and fabrication from beginning to end. If Indiana populists have gone into a combination of this kind, they have not taken any one in other States into their confidence. No populist, bimetalist or silver democrat has ever mentioned a single word to me about a combination, as stated in the dispatch.

You must accept, with much allowance, any thing that comes from Indianapolis. Twice before and within the last year, have fake statements and dispatches, in which populists have figured emanated from that city. I re-

peat, as I have a hundred times before, that no union of the reform forces can ever be perfected in either of the old parties.

I have spent too much time and labor to get people to leave the old parties and I shall not advise them to go back regardless of what their respective parties may do. Populist editors and populists in general must realize that we can not control the columns of the old party press. We have no way to prevent them from publishing fake statements. Anything that appears along those lines, especially now when there seems to be a break-up in the ranks of the old parties, must be accepted with much allowance. It matters not what the democratic party may do at Chicago, or what the bimetalists may do at St. Louis, or whether they meet us at all; the people's party will hold a national convention July 22, make a platform and nominate candidates for President and Vice President. Our convention will be controlled by populists, and whatever is done at that convention will be the work of the representatives of the people's party elected by members of that party throughout the United States.

This report from Indianapolis, in regard to the populists endorsing the nominees of the Chicago Convention, is on a par with the statement made about a one-plank platform, or a single silver plank platform. There is not a populist in the United States, so far as I know, who has ever advocated a one-plank, platform still less a single silver plank platform. I never did, and do not now, favor such a platform.

It is no credit to a gentleman or a populist paper to misrepresent the views of others. The talk of selling out, controlling State conventions and State delegates, is a downright insult to every populist in the land. As though populists could be persuaded to do something against their convictions! It is humiliating to the people's party to have populist papers to publish such nonsense. If I had no better opinion of the average populist than these papers express I would certainly give up the contest as hopeless. I know the populists are honest, and at our National convention they will do that which is best for the party and our country.

Every populist in the United States has a right to express his opinion as to what the platform should contain. He also has a right to work and vote to select delegates who will represent his views in the National convention. Anything short of this means to throttle free thought and free speech.

The delegates to the National Convention will do that which is best for the party and our country as the conditions confront us in 1896.

That is they will do that which is best for the people's party, and not for either of the old parties. Whether the silver organization throughout the United States meet with us at St. Louis or not, will not in the slightest degree deter us from pursuing the same course as they had not called a convention for the same date and place as ours. Nor will the people's party ever surrender the principle the Government alone has the right to issue the money, whether it is gold, silver or paper, and that all money must be a full legal tender and not redeemable in coin.

Let the populists throughout the United States elect good, honest, true, cool and deliberate men as delegates to the National Convention, and we need not have the slightest fear as to the result.

The people's party, at its National Convention, will take care of itself regardless of what the democrats may do at Chicago. I have no time to enter into a controversy with any member of our party; no good can result from this Dissension in our ranks is the last argument to win recruits. I am anxious that our National Convention shall be a success in uniting all the elements opposed to present conditions. We need every voter who is dissatisfied with the old parties. I repeat again, that so far as the National Committee is concerned, this report from Indianapolis is a deliberate falsehood, manufactured for the purpose of creating dissension in our ranks. And, if it does create any dissension, the populists will be responsible for it. We ought not to let these reports interfere with what is our duty toward our country. Nothing would suit the republicans and democrats so well as dissension in our ranks; especially now when they know we will receive a large following from their ranks in the South and West. Yours for our cause, H. E. Taubeneck.