

THEIR FIRST VICTORY

NARROW-GAUGERS WIN AT PITTSBURG.

Wheeler Elected Temporary Chairman—Talk of Trading in the Convention—Mrs. Gougar Wants Prohibition, but fragrance and Silver.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 27.—By an overwhelming majority late Tuesday night the narrow-gaugers won the first battle in the spirited contest among the prohibitionists now gathered in this city. The national committee met at the Seven Avenue hotel at 9 o'clock. Chairman Samuel Dickie of Michigan presided. There were twenty-seven regular members present from twenty states. Nineteen proxies were admitted. After prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. B. Cranfill, c.



SAMUEL DICKIE.

Texas the committee proceeded at once to the selection of temporary officers of the convention. Scores of delegates crowded the corridor, anxious to learn the result. George C. Christian of Arkansas presented the name of A. A. Stevens of Tyrone, Pa., for temporary chairman. Ex-Gov. John P. St. John of Kansas, for the broad-gaugers, nominated Edward J. Wheeler of New York. The vote was taken by roll call, Stevens receiving 32 and Wheeler 16.

This result is a keen disappointment to the silver men. After a short consultation Gov. St. John announced that they would present a minority report with Mr. Wheeler's name. Chairman Dickie said that he would deprecate any such action, as there was no propriety in presenting a minority report. The broad-gaugers insisted on it, and Oliver W. Stewart of Illinois, moved that the national chairman be instructed to receive such report. This was voted down by a vote of 31 to 12. Alonzo E. Wilson of Chicago was chosen unanimously for temporary secretary of the convention.



HELEN M. GOUGAR.

John Willis Baer of Boston, of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, is being talked of for permanent secretary. The treasurer submitted his report, which was approved, and cheers given for the youngest boy of the prohibition movement. This pleased Mr. Hastings, as he is now over 80 years of age.

The day's development were decidedly favorable to the narrow-gauge element. Narrow-gauge delegates have been arriving by the hundreds, until they seem to have a large majority of those on the ground. New England, 200 hundred strong, came with banners flying at supper time and marched through the streets headed by a brass band.

In reference to the platform of the convention Mr. Dickie said: "I do not think the platform will commit the party to any specific financial policy. I expect it to be definite in that it will generally advocate 'sound' money, but I do not favor going into special details. For instance, if we declare that all money shall be issued by the national government, that it must be full legal tender and that no private corporation or private party shall profit thereby, that, to my mind, is specific enough for the prohibition party. That, too, according to my information, will probably be the tone of the platform adopted by the convention."

Trades and rumors of trades—silver for suffrage, suffrage for silver—are in the air, and the women are aroused and anxious. The money men on both sides are ready to sacrifice anything except the prohibition plank itself to gain this special end. Southerners offer silver votes for anti-suffrage votes and hard-money men offer suffrage votes for gold votes. This is what the women say, and this is the situation. They are organizing to fight. The word has gone out that the women are to stand like a rock for suffrage and trade it for nothing. Mrs. Gougar claims to be solid for prohibition, suffrage and silver, and means to fight for all three.

There was a notable scene in Gov. St. John's room, where the action of the Michigan delegation was announced.

ed to him, and there was handed to him the local paper containing Dickie's withdrawal from the chairmanship race. Said Gov. St. John: "This fight is not against Dickie personally. He is one of the finest of our men, but we must have a broad-gauge chairman."

The report that Levering is not a suffragist is enthusiastically controverted by his followers, since Mr. Levering is a staunch supporter of the woman's cause. Indeed, the alarm about the passage of a suffrage plank is not warranted. The opposition to suffrage received its death blow at the Indianapolis convention in 1888. The suffrage plank will go in. Even the women, however, feel that the effort to nominate a woman for vice-president is a mistake. Miss Willard's name was withdrawn upon the urgent plea of a woman, Miss Thompson, of Oakland, Cal., who is one of the best workers among the women delegates. Mrs. Gougar was named by a man, and when she declined Miss Willard's name was offered by a Woman's Christian Temperance Union adherent, whose love for her leader outran her political wisdom. The women here are with few exceptions silverites. The Griffin resolution restoring silver to its standing before the Sherman legislation of '73 is their platform and seems to be the favorite all around.

James H. Southgate of North Carolina and William H. Berry of Pennsylvania were presented for second place. The vote was 53 to 50 in favor of Southgate. L. B. Logan of Ohio was selected as candidate for national chairman, after a long contest in which J. M. Dunlap of Indiana figured as an aspirant. It was finally made unanimous. Oliver W. Stewart of Illinois was approved for permanent chairman. It was decided to accept no compromise on platform or in the matter of candidates.

The narrow-gaugers had an informal gathering at the Seventh Avenue hotel. Mr. Dickie made a speech in which he declared that every plank adopted ought to be approved by three-fourths of the delegates in the convention. The chairman was authorized to appoint a steering committee of seven to direct the destinies of the narrow-gauge idea. The broad-gaugers are elated because Michigan turned down Mr. Dickie. He failed of re-election as a member of the national committee. Mr. Dickie says he is out of the race for national chairman, not because of the state's action, as he fully anticipated it, but he is anxious for a rest. His wide circle of friends are determined to continue the fight, and Mr. Stevens of this state and Mr. Tate of Tennessee are sanguine of his re-election by the new national committee.

The Intercollegiate Prohibition association held its national convention in Exposition hall in the afternoon. S. T. Michell of Wilberforce university presided. W. A. Avery made an address of welcome. The following officers were elected: President, Merrill C. Ward, Tufts' college, Massachusetts; vice-president, G. H. Gaston, university of Illinois; treasurer, Fred S. Nave, Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill. Narrow-gauge resolutions were passed. Plans were adopted for the work of the coming campaign.

SOCIETIES GAIN ALL.

Great Contest at Saratoga Results in Their Favor.

Saratoga, N. Y., May 27.—Christian Endeavorers won a victory Tuesday in the presbyterian general assembly. The sum total of the assembly's action was the adoption of a "statement of relations between individual societies and churches," which was directed to be read in the various societies, and a provision for the collection of Christian Endeavor statistics.

The moderator and clerks, acting as a committee on the next place of meeting, met with representatives of Potskey, Mich., San Francisco and other places which desire to entertain the assembly in 1897. A strong effort was made on behalf of Saratoga. The result of the conference is not yet known.

A popular meeting was held in the evening on behalf of home missions. The resolutions provide for closer presbyterian inspection of requisitions on the mission board; for a movement toward self-support within each presbytery and synod, and for a committee of nine to advise with the board as to retrenchment, the cause of the present debt and improved methods of retrenchment.

The report on home missions showed the present debt to be almost \$300,000; receipts, \$729,433, and expenditures, \$858,885. For the reunion fund, receipts reached \$191,230. The cost of administration aggregated \$81,922. Under the board is a total of 1,544 ministers, 1,830 churches and a membership of 100,000. During the year 9,179 new members have been added.

Want Bland for President.

Oklahoma City, O. T., May 27.—The democratic territorial convention met in this city Tuesday, and after the stormiest time ever seen in Oklahoma, indorsed Bland for president, and instructed the six delegates of Oklahoma to vote for him and to favor the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, and to support no candidate for president or vice-president who was not in favor of such free coinage.

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FELL A HUNDRED FEET

ELECTRIC CAR GOES THROUGH A BRIDGE.

Frightful Disaster Causes Mourning at Victoria, B. C.—Fully Fifty Persons Believed to Have Been Killed—List of the Dead.

Victoria, B. C., May 27.—An electric car, crowded with people, broke through the Point Ellice bridge Tuesday afternoon and nearly all the sixty passengers were drowned. It is believed that fully fifty lives have been lost.

A sham fight and a review were to take place at Macauley Point, near Esquimalt, in the afternoon, and crowds were making their way there by every route. All the tram cars were packed.

Two cars left Government street with more than 100 people. The first got over Point Ellice bridge, which crossed Victoria Arm safely. When the other car was about half way over the middle span of the bridge, about 150 feet in length, gave way, and the car plunged into the water, some 100 feet below. Numbers of the bodies have already been got out, and the work of identification is proceeding. It is a difficult matter, as a great many of the bodies are those of visitors. So far as known the dead are: Mrs. Adams, widow, Victoria; Frederick Adams, her son; E. B. Carmichael, Victoria, and his wife; J. B. Gordon, of Vancouver, representative of Bradstreet's; Mr. Edmonds, of Victoria; Miss Nathan, of Spring Ridge, Mr. Bossi, a storekeeper of Victoria. Arthur Fullerton, son of W. E. Fullerton, of Spring Ridge, Victoria. Mrs. Heatherbell, wife of William Heatherbell, of Victoria.

Mr. Wilson, of Victoria.

J. A. Van Bookkelin, a prominent citizen of Port Townsend.

Miss Annie Keast, daughter of Arthur Keast, deputy register of the Supreme court, Victoria.

Charles Leveridge of Spring Ridge, Victoria.

Mrs. G. I. Post, Victoria.

James McCurdy, of Port Townsend.

E. B. Carmichael, commission agent.

Master Post, son of G. I. Post.

Archie Biggar, aged 6, son of George W. Biggar.

Miss Biggar, aged 5, daughter of George W. Biggar.

Frank Orestat, bootblack.

Miss Minnie Robertson, daughter of W. A. Robertson.

Mr. E. B. Carmichael.

Holmes, bookkeeper of Sayard Milling company.

Miss Sophia Smith.

Miss Birt, Anacortes, Wash.

James Lorie.

William Pearson.

Miss Turner.

The two Misses Bowness.

Miss F. Jackson.

Giuseppe Rowe.

A son of Sergeant Major Mulchahey.

Emma Otson.

Miss Grace Alford.

Mr. James.

Thomas Patterson.

Gabriel Matteria.

Mrs. Trout, Seattle.

Mrs. Woodhouse, Seattle.

Mr. Jackson, a cattle man.

Miss Flora Jackson.

Miss Ida Goodacre, Tacoma.

Besides the above, Mrs. Lout, of Seattle and Miss Ida Goodacre are known to have been on the car and are missing.

There were several carriages on the bridge, and these were also precipitated into the water. Superintendent Wilson was driving one of these, and had his five children with him. He succeeded in saving himself and four of the children. The fifth, a little boy, was wedged between some iron bars and was drowned.

Among the saved are the following:

Ex-Alderman W. A. Robertson, of Victoria, head badly cut.

Canon Paddon, of Victoria, bruised and nearly drowned.

G. W. Biggar, bruised and nearly drowned.

Mrs. Biggar, badly cut about the head.

Dr. Lange, badly bruised.

As soon as the news of the accident reached Macauley the review was brought to a speedy termination, as, under the circumstances, was possible, and the sham fight was abandoned. The sad affair has cast a deep gloom over the city.

CAZAR IS CROWNED.

Utmost Ceremony Used in the Coronation of the Emperor and Empress.

Moscow, May 27.—His majesty, the Emperor Nicolas Alexandrovitch, autocrat of all the Russias, and her majesty, the Empress Alexandra Feodorovna, were solemnly crowned Tuesday in the Cathedral of the Assumption, with the utmost ceremony, and in accordance with all the religious forms and ancient rites.

Wisconsin Town Scorched.

Brillion, Wis., May 27.—Fire Tuesday destroyed the Brillion Manufacturing Company's factory, the Northwestern hotel, Barnes' Lumber Company's entire lumber yard, Weigand's brick block, C. Tese's general store and residence, the Union opera house, several dwellings, the Chicago and Northwestern station and several barns. The flames then jumped across the Northwestern track to Werner's elevator and warehouse, destroying Hansen's general store and stock, Weaver's millinery store and stock, the furniture company's plant and lumber yard, C. Tese's warehouse and several other buildings. Loss, \$150,000.

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