

THE PEOPLE'S PILOT.

FOR THE FREE AND UNLIMITED COINAGE OF SILVER AND GOLD AT THE PARITY RATIO OF SIXTEEN TO ONE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY OTHER NATION ON EARTH.

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Campaign News.

From Different Localities in the National Field.

THE STATE CONVENTIONS BEING HELD.

Reformers Everywhere Getting Into Line for the Coming Political Battle.

John Breidenthal, state chairman of the people's party of Kansas, has uttered a strong denunciation of the plan to put up populist electors instructed for Bryan and Sewall. He maintains that the party in Kansas must be true to Watson and the action of the national convention in all things.

John Martin, the democratic leader, says that his party will put no state ticket in the field this year and will make no demands upon the populist state convention. He thinks, however, that the democrats should be recognized by being given the nomination for chief justiceship and that Ed. C. Little of Abilene, the prominent bolting republican should be nominated for attorney general.

The people's party convention in Tennessee placed a full electoral ticket in the field, but gave the state executive committee plenary powers to treat with the democrats to arrange a joint electoral ticket on which populists should be given representation in proportion to the last vote. The platform is mainly an indorsement of the one adopted by the national convention. It also condemned the late gubernatorial steal. The convention nominated A. L. Mims, of Davidson county, the nominee last time for governor by acclamation. J. H. Burnham, of Lincoln county, and J. T. Miller, of Wilson county, were nominated for electors for the state at large.

J. H. Davis, General Weaver and J. R. Sovereign, under the direction of the national executive committee, did yeoman service on the stamp in Alabama in the closing days of the campaign.

At this writing it has not been decided where national headquarters will be located this year but Chairman Butler strongly favors Washington.

H. E. Taubeneck, ex-national chairman, has closed up affairs in St. Louis. He will take the stump in Illinois at once.

The central committee of Butler county passed a half-column of resolutions in course of which it says: "We are astonished, humiliated and insulted at the action of the delegates to the national convention and hereby express our indignation at the nomination by them of a democratic office seeker, and we also denounce and condemn such action as both cowardly and treacherous. We denounce and condemn the unparliamentary, unprecedented and tryanical ruling of Senator Allen is not allowing the middle-of-the-road men their right in the convention; and we further denounce Gen. Weaver for his arbitrary rulings in the convention on resolutions."

The platform of the Vermont populist convention indorses that of the people's-party passed at St. Louis. The new idea in

bodied in the state platform is to declare that bribe giving and bribe taking should be a felony.

The ticket nominated is: Joseph Brattle, of Middlebury, for governor; William Dexter, of Sheffield, lieutenant governor; Dan Sallies, Montpelier, treasurer; Abel T. Gay, of Burlington, secretary of state; Columbus L. Clough, Waterbury, auditor; for presidential electors, O. C. Wilder, Dr. W. S. Curtis, Randolph; Sam McAlister, Stowe. For member of congress—First district, A. L. Bowen, of Dorset; Second district, T. J. Aldrich, Wheelock.

The state committee organized with A. L. Bowen as chairman and A. J. Beebe secretary.

The latest utterance of Mr. Watson regarding the national campaign is as follows: "Unless Sewall retires I know of but two plans; First, two district electoral tickets, one Bryan and Sewall, and the other Bryan and Watson. Second, one electoral ticket, composed partly of democrats and partly of populists. The executive committee of the peoples party must decide on the plan."

W. D. Vincent has been nominated for congress by the populists of the Fifth Kansas District.

Free silver republicans in Kansas continue to ally themselves with the people's party by the score. In Sumner county over half the republican county committee have resigned and declared themselves populists.

At the people's party convention in Cape Girardeau county, Mo., E. S. Miller was nominated for representative; J. S. Bowers and R. W. McNeely for county judges. The remainder of the county ticket was left vacant the purpose being to fuse with the democrats.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, says he sees no propriety in the populists communicating to Mr. Bryan what occurred at St. Louis or asking him to accept their nomination or platform. Such a course, he adds, could have no other object than to embrace the candidate.

A conference committee of democrats and populists met in Sedgwick county, Kan., and divided the offices for fusion. The democrats get county attorney, commissioner and state senator, and the populists get district clerk, superintendent of public instruction, three representatives and probate judge. The populists will vote to endorse the democratic electors.

Governor Altgeld, of Illinois, has declared that he will not accept the populist nomination unless all other candidates on the democratic state ticket are indorsed.

A. R.

The law that requires a one hundred million dollar gold reserve does not exist.

Gold appears to be as efficient at driving itself out as it is at measuring its own value.

After gold has "driven itself out," it is a demonstrated fact that nothing but bonds are sufficiently strong to bring it back.

Herr Most leads the anarchists of America, and notwithstanding they are opposed to law on general principles, he advised them to vote for McKinley and Hobart to establish the gold standard by law.

If the gold worshiper does not find in Mexico a heaven to his notion, on account of its use of silver money, suppose he gives Egypt or Turkey, two christian killing gold based nations, the benefit of his favors.

NO BALLOT IS TAKEN.

WISCONSIN STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Their Choice for Governor to Be Made Known Today—Michigan Republicans Adopt a Platform—Gold Men Preparing for Indianapolis Meeting.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 6.—High temper and high temperature combined to make Wednesday's session of the republican state convention an event that will long be remembered. It was merely skirmishing for the first few hours, and the La Follette people did not show their hand until it came to the seconding speeches. H. C. Adams, of Dane county, the food and dairy commissioner of the state, had made the opening speech, placing La Follette's name before the convention, and the other four candidates had in turn been placed in nomination, when a delegate arose and moved that seconding speeches be limited to five minutes each, if there were to be any. To this the leaders of the rival forces agreed.

The gaunt form of ex-Gov. Hoard arose when the 2d district was called, and he moved slowly toward the platform. There was a burst of applause as he reached the platform. When it had subsided he began a statement of his position on the Bennett law issue, which was a complete surprise to the great majority of those who heard him. It was not a recantation, but the manly acknowledgment of a beaten man. The La Follette people sent to the platform immediately after Hoard a Lutheran minister of Dane county to second La Follette's nomination. It was the Rev. Mr. Herbele, who has charge of four Lutheran congregations in Dane county, and he announced that his people believed the Bennett law question had been settled for good, that there was no danger of its coming up again and he and his people were for Robert La Follette as the republican candidate for permanent secretary.

At 7:30 the committee on credentials was unable to agree on the St. Clair contest, and the convention decided to receive the report on all other counties and allow the committee until 9 o'clock to consider the St. Clair matter, and thirty minutes to each side of the St. Clair fight to present its claims. Ex-Lieutenant-Governor J. Wight Gildings of Cadillac was made permanent chairman, and Burt Parker of Monroe permanent secretary.

The report of the committee on resolutions was adopted without debate or amendment, as follows:

The republicans of Michigan, in convention assembled, do affirm:

"1. We declare our continued allegiance to the republican party, which now, as heretofore, stands for the upholding of law and order, the encouragement and protection of the commerce of our country, its industries, its labor, its farms and firesides, the development of its resources, the maintenance of its credit and the defense of its honor among the nations of the world.

"2. We accept and indorse the platform of the national republican convention of 1896 at St. Louis, and we call upon all loyal citizens of the republic to unite in its support.

"3. We denounce the so-called democratic national platform recently adopted at Chicago for its insults to our courts and our judges, for its pandering to disorder and mob violence, for its sympathy with anarchism, for its proposal to repudiate public and private debts, for its intention to substitute silver monometalism in place of the wise and liberal policy of the republican party, which has been and is the use of gold, silver and paper as the currency of the nation.

"4. We congratulate the party upon the eminently wise and satisfactory selection of its standard-bearers in the present national campaign. We zealously emphasize our fealty to that distinguished American statesman, William McKinley, who best embodies those patriotic and progressive expressions of economic purposes—protection, reciprocity and honest money—and our equally unreserved confidence in the ability and fitness of the candidate for vice-president; Garret A. Hobart.

"5. We indorse the administration of our honored executive, Governor John T. Rich, whose fearless and vigorous fidelity is commended. We favor the strictest economy in all state departments. We pledge our earnest cooperation in carrying out the will of this convention as should be expressed in its choice of candidates for various state offices, and submit our cause to the voters, confident of victory."

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liberty of conscience, non-sectarianism in public affairs, entire separation of church and state, in free common schools, and the utmost independence of individual thought, speech and action within the law.

"We favor the restriction of undesirable immigration as opposed to the interests of our laboring people, and approve the enactment of measures to prevent fraudulent naturalization.

"We cordially invite the voters of Wisconsin, without regard to past political affiliation, to the support of the principles herein announced."

Committees were announced as follows:

Resolutions—A. S. Douglas, W. J. Lowry, Philip Allen, Jr., A. W. Bell, E. A. Dow, Charles A. Huchthausen, D. F. Jones, Frank W. Harriman, S. S. Field, B. F. Millard.

Permanent Organization—M. T. Park, Salmon Brown, R. P. Perry, B. F. Z. N., W. A. Van Brunt, Ira Coon, George F. Cooper, Frank Long, Louis Pratt, Currie Bell.

PLATFORM FOR GOLD.

Michigan Republicans Meet and State Their Principles.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 6.—The republican state nominating convention met Wednesday with the galleries and platform packed. The convention was led to order by State Chairman D. M. Ferry. The Rev. Dr. John L. Jackson invoked the divine blessing, and then Victor M. Gore was introduced as temporary chairman. He made a vigorous speech in favor of gold.

The speech was frequently applauded, especially all reference to the gold standard. D. E. L. Ward of Clare was made a vigorous speech in favor of gold.

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list state convention met here Wednesday. Chairman Arthur Edgerton of the state central committee called the convention to order at 11 o'clock, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Isham of Hastings. A. H. Weir of Lincoln was unanimously named as temporary chairman. Committees were named and a recess taken.

When the convention reassembled there was a general call for Senator Allen. He expressed his gratification that the populists of Nebraska could turn out such a representative body of men as he saw before him. The day before them was momentous. They could not carry Nebraska alone. Mr. Bryan's party could not carry it alone. The senator then proceeded to give a new scheme that had been arranged by the leaders during the day. That was to leave the selection of the electoral ticket to the state central committee. He said that the present state of affairs was incongruous, and if an understanding in regard to vice-president was reached by the national committee of the two parties the Nebraska committee could then act accordingly.

This proposal was received rather

frigidly by the convention.

The committee on permanent organization recommended J. M. Gaffin of Saunders county for chairman and the temporary secretary for secretary. This was adopted and Mr. Gaffin was elected to the chair. F. H. Barry of Lancaster moved that the matter of the selection of the electoral ticket be referred to the executive committee of the state central committee, to act in accordance with the sentiment of the platform to be thereafter adopted. He briefly urged the advisability of this action, and half a dozen delegates rose to oppose it. Porter of Merrick county offered an amendment to leave it to the entire state central committee. The motion, as amended, prevailed, the state central committee being given full power to act, and in case no agreement shall be reached by the national committee of the free-silver, democratic and populist parties with reference to Sewall and Watson, then the state central committee shall name the Nebraska electors, at least five of whom shall be populists. Gov. Holcomb was nominated by acclamation, as was State Senator T. E. Harris of Nemaha county for lieutenant-governor. It was agreed that vacancies be left on the ticket to be filled by the silver democratic convention Aug. 25, and a committee of fourteen was appointed to confer with a democratic committee to agree upon a division of places on the state ticket.

GOLD MEN HAPPY.

Many Going to Indianapolis—Another Convention Certain.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 6.—The letters and telegrams received at the headquarters of the national democratic gold standard movement here indicate that the gathering Friday in this city will be much larger than the managers had anticipated.

William D. Bynum, the member of the executive committee, who is in charge of the preliminary work, said that he had received notice that twenty-eight states have appointed members of the national committee.

The east, Mr. Bynum says, is joining in the movement with more spirit than had been expected.

Committeeman Bynum says it is assured in advance of the meeting of the committee that a convention will be called. The correspondence of the executive committee, he says, will show the committee upon their arrival that the demand for a convention is universal.

While there are a few gold standard democrats in the east who are inclined to oppose the movement, there is a widespread demand for the convention, even in that section. It is the understanding that Senator John M. Palmer of Illinois will be made temporary chairman of the committee.

Representatives of several cities that would like to entertain the convention will be here to speak to the committee. Indianapolis, Detroit, Louisville, Minneapolis and Chicago will be in the race.

CLAIM FRAUD IN ALABAMA.

Goodwyn's Friends Look Askance at Johnston's Figures.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 6.—Further returns from Monday's election show that Johnston and the democratic ticket have carried forty-one counties, while Goodwyn, populist, has twenty-four. Three counties—Pike, Gulman and Tallapoosa—are close and in doubt.

Johnston's official and estimated majorities amount to 48,873, while Goodwyn's majorities are 9,205, leaving Johnston's net majority at 39,668. The official canvass of the vote Saturday will, it is thought, not vary from these figures.

For the legislature later reports show that the house stands seventy-four democrats, a gain of ten members; twenty populists and six doubtful. In the senate the democrats have elected thirteen members, the populists three and one is in doubt. This gives the democrats over three-fourths of the legislature.

Opponents to Johnston claim the election was characterized by frauds more widespread than those of any previous elections, and that in the black belt it was conducted in defiance of law and contempt for the opposition, which the law required to be recognized by from three to ten representatives at

every poll. They claim Goodwyn has

been elected by from 16,000 to 18,000 majority in the white counties, and received