

WHICH PLANKS ARE CORRECT?

Difference of Opinion Regarding the Democratic Platform.

Official Stenographer Makes Important Additions to the Document.

Claims Hill's Amendment Regarding "Contracts Now in Existence" Was Adopted.

He Also Adds a Clause to the Tenure of Office Plank, Altering Its Present Meaning.

DEMOCRATS DENY HIS STATEMENT.

They Assert That Nothing Proposed by the New York Senator Was Approved by the Chicago Convention.

St. Louis, July 30.—The Republic, of this city, has obtained from Colonel Edward B. Dickinson, official stenographer of the National Democratic Convention, a certified copy of the platform adopted at Chicago which so far departs from the published declaration of principles as to involve a controversy of far-reaching importance.

The platform, as sent out by the press associations and published in the newspapers, contained no reference to a qualifying clause in the life tenure plank, and the absence of such clause left it to be inferred that the Democratic party opposed life tenure in office as a general proposition, the scope of which should embrace Judges of the Supreme Court as well as other Federal employes.

The official stenographer now comes forward, however, and asserts that a qualifying clause, excepting these Constitutional appointees from the operations of the life tenure plank, was added by Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and that it is a part of the record of the convention.

Moreover, Colonel Dickinson declares that Senator Hill's amendment to the currency plank, which provides for the integrity of existing contracts, and which it has been generally believed was rejected, was adopted by the convention on a viva voce vote. Colonel Dickinson, in response to telegrams from the New York correspondent of the Republic, questioning the accuracy of his report, insists that the Hill amendment was adopted and that it is embodied in the official report.

Senator Hill's Amendment Was Lost. The Republic has polled the officers of the convention on the question and has obtained statements as well from William F. Harbitt, Senator Hill and prominent members in the New York delegation. Colonel Dickinson is sustained by Senator Jones and others in regard to the qualifying clause in the life tenure plank, but there is general agreement that the Hill amendment to the currency plank was defeated and should have no place in the official record.

In the copy of the National Democratic platform furnished by the press associations the first plank following the preamble is the one on civil and religious liberty, and then follows the one on the money question. The fourth and fifth paragraphs of the financial plank read as follows:

We demand that free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. We demand that the standard silver dollar shall be a full legal tender equally with gold for all debts, public and private, and we favor such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonetization of any kind of legal tender by private contract.

But it should be carefully provided by law at the same time that any change in the monetary standard should not apply to existing contracts.

After the financial plank came those dealing with bond issues, bank notes, the tariff, income tax, foreign pauper labor, arbitration, transportation, economy, Federal interference, equal justice, Pacific railways, Union soldiers, admission of States, the Monroe doctrine and Cuba. Then came the plank regarding tenure of office, of which, according to the published reports, the first paragraph read as follows:

TENURE OF OFFICE.—We are opposed to life tenure in the public service. We favor appointments based upon merit, fixed terms of office and such an administration of the Civil Service laws as will afford equal opportunities to all citizens of ascertained fitness.

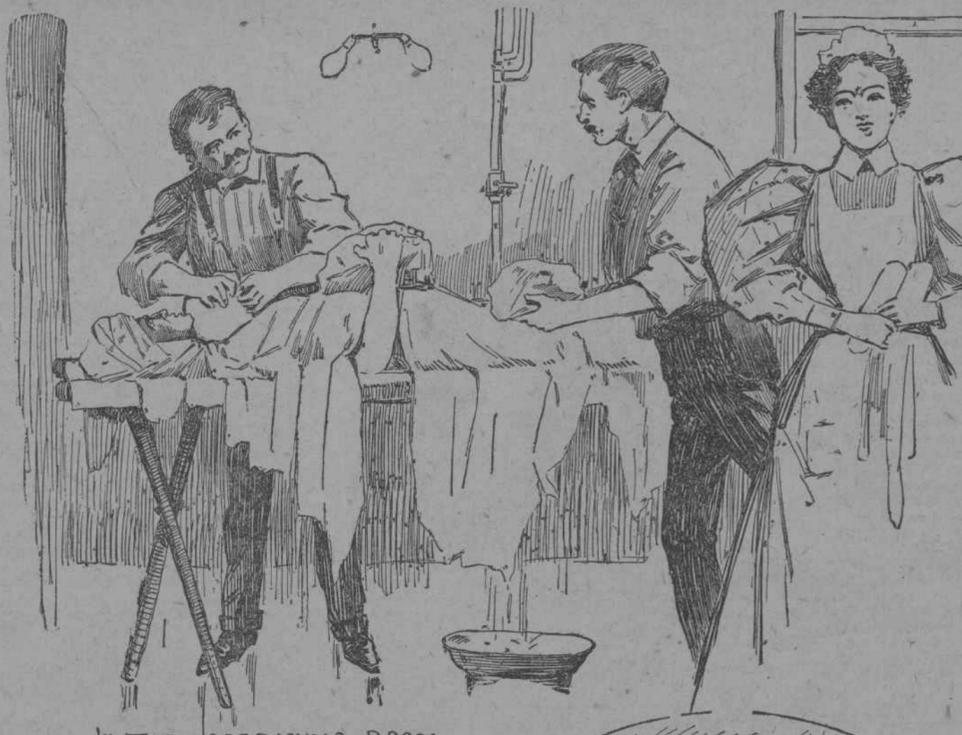
Changes in the Plank. Official Stenographer Dickinson says the first sentence of this paragraph should really read as follows: "We are opposed to life tenure in the public service, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION." Regarding these two important changes the official stenographer telegraphed as follows to the Republic:

Wolfboro, N. H., July 30.—Immediately after the speeches on platform, Hill's substitute minority report was lost on a call of roll by 564 to 557. Senator Hill asked for viva voce vote on the financial amendment and on the amendment limiting coinage one year. The financial amendment was adopted; that limiting coinage was lost. The qualification to tenure of office plank was not an amendment, but was handed out by Senator Jones, as were the other platform papers from which he read.

Senator Hill's Statement. Mr. Hodgins, the New York correspondent of the St. Louis Republic, telegraphed to Senator Hill regarding his amendment to the financial plank. Senator Hill's reply reads as follows:

Albany, N. Y., July 30. Houder Hudgins, room 136 Times Building, New York: Telegram received. I cannot be interviewed here. What took place at Chicago and taken as to correctness of the facts stated in your issue.

Washington Is Its Headquarters. Washington, July 30.—The National Committee of the People's party has decided to make Washington the headquarters of that organization, and the campaign literature stored at various places has been shipped to this city. James A. Edgerton, of Nebraska, secretary of the committee, is expected here, and Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, chairman of the committee, will also be here as much as possible.



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IN THE HOSPITAL

by me in my private interview with you. I cannot believe that the National Committee will deliberately promulgate a false platform. I shall await an official publication before saying anything further.

Amendment Not Adopted. Regarding Mr. Hill's remarks in the interview to which he refers, Mr. Hodgins makes the following statement: New York, July 30. To the Editor of the Journal: I can add nothing to the statement of Senator Hill without authority from him, except that he denies the accuracy of Colonel Dickinson's report of the platform. He told me at the Normandie Hotel on Tuesday last that the platform, as presented to the convention and adopted, was correct, and that it was correctly reported in the newspapers at the time, barring minor details of phrasing.

Mr. Hodgins has also received the following statements: From W. F. Harbitt, Philadelphia, July 30. Philadelphia, July 30. I received your telegram of the 29th. My recollection is that all amendments reported and submitted by Senator Hill were defeated, two of them upon a call of the roll of States and two of them upon a viva voce vote.

From Ex-Governor Flower. The amendment offered by Senator Hill relating to the integrity of existing contracts was beaten on a viva voce vote. I recall the circumstances very distinctly and am positive that a mistake has been made. Thomas Spratt, of Ogdensburg, a member of our delegation was seated alongside of me at the time. Spratt, who is one of the brightest lawyers in the State, remarked upon the narrow margin by which Senator Hill's colleague amendment was defeated, and expressed a hope that the currency amendment might, after all, be adopted. When the amendment was lost Spratt declared that the last straw had been broken and that he could not support the platform as subsequently adopted. The majority rejected Senator Hill's amendment with a yell that shook the building and completely overshadowed the "yess" of the minority.

From Mr. Sulzer. Senator Hill's amendment was defeated in the convention. Every amendment he offered to the platform was defeated. There can be no doubt about it. My recollection is very distinct and clear about the whole matter. The platform was adopted just as it was read by the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. HOWELL P. FLOWERS.

TAMMANY TO ACT TO-DAY. Ticket to Be Ratified, but the Platform Problem Will Be Left to the State Convention. The Tammany Hall Executive Committee will meet at the Fourteenth Street Headquarters this afternoon and officially ratify the ticket. Chairman James J. Martin will preside.

ANTI-PLATT MEN WINNERS. Lloyd Collis Elected Chairman of the Thirtieth District Organization. Lloyd Collis won his fight in the Thirtieth Election District last night. He was elected chairman of the district organization by a vote of 36 to 28.

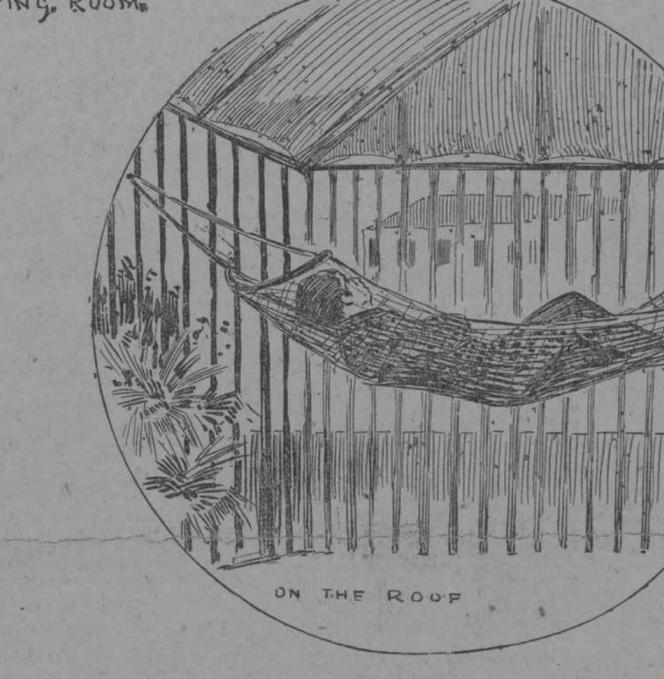
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ON THE ROOF

HOW A VICTIM OF SUNSTROKE IS TREATED AT A HOSPITAL.

"Heat and humidity make a deadly combination," said Superintendent H. A. Knoll, of the Hudson Street Hospital, as Terence Reilly, fifty-one years old, of Flushing and Clifton avenues, Brooklyn, was taken there yesterday. He had been overcome by the heat at Peck Slip and Water street, at 3:46. His temperature is 108 and rising," briefly explained Ambulance Surgeon Labbe. At 3:58 the clothing of Mr. Reilly was removed; he was enmeshed in a big cotton hammock and swung from the chain of a travelling electric crane in the sunstroke room, on the ground floor of the hospital, over a wheeled porcelain bath-tub full of cracked ice and water. He seconds later Mr. Reilly descended with a swash into that ice and water.

His temperature then was 110. Twenty minutes afterward he was lying on a stretcher across the hall from the sunstroke room, in the cool, neat operating room of the hospital. His purple face gleamed out from a mighty turban of cracked ice, done up in white linen; he was holding of his own volition a lump of ice, the size of his head, upon the pit of his stomach. A doctor and a nurse were vigorously shampooing his chest and his shoulders with big lumps of ice. After an hour of this treatment Mr. Reilly's face was no longer purple, and his eyes looked bright. His temperature was 98.2-normal. Then Mr. Reilly was put on an elevator and shot up to the top of the tall building where there is a canopy-shaded roof garden, with settees and hammocks.

Facilities for suicide in the Jefferson Market Prison cells in so short a time will be made.

Mr. Griffin and Albert Freeman denied the reports that charged Zubof was a systematic swindler and adventurer.

A representative of a Hebrew charity organization called at the Morgue and said his society would bury the remains in Bay-side Cemetery.

Zubof was insured in the National Life Company, of Hartford, for \$15,000, and Daniel Homine Van Rippey, of Paterson, holds the policy. He was to get \$10,000 if the Count died during the first year.

The Paterson man was introduced to Zubof by a Dr. Freeman.

The policy is now in the possession of ex-Judge Kerr. There is no suicide clause in it.

Form G. M. 1.

Advertisement for NEW YORK, ONTARIO & WESTERN RAILWAY CO. including contact information for J. E. Childs, General Manager, and a facsimile of President Fowler's notice regarding wage reductions.

Advertisement for MARTINELLI WILL SUCCEED SATOLL, featuring a portrait of the subject and text describing his qualifications and appointment as Prior General of the Augustinians.

Advertisement for "VOTE FOR M'KINLEY OR LOSE YOUR JOB," including text from the Ontario and Western Railroad and President Fowler's views on the issue.

Advertisement for BUDA-PEST, July 30, reporting on a powder magazine explosion in Hungary that killed many people.

Advertisement for SUICIDE'S BODY NEGLECTED, reporting on a man who died in a rooming house and was found neglected.

Advertisement for CHRISTENED IN CAMP, reporting on a baptism ceremony in a military camp.

Advertisement for NAVAL RESERVE TO DRILL, reporting on a drill by the Naval Reserve Battalion.

Advertisement for TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION ELECTION, reporting on the election results and the new officers of the union.