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THE CONVENTION LEADERS TO THE "JOURNAL."

Messages Hot from the Battlefield by John R. McLean, Ex-Governor Flower, Ex-Lieutenant Governor Sheehan, Senator Turpie, Amos Cummings, Henry George and Benton McMillin.

ROUT FOR FOES OF SILVER.

John R. McLean Declares That Opponents of Free Coinage Will Suffer Defeat and Humiliation.



BY JOHN R. McLEAN.

Chicago, July 6.—The Democratic National Convention of 1896 will last longer than is generally supposed. The preliminary work will be done promptly, as usual, but when it comes to the nomination of candidates and the discussion of individuals who are to lead in this campaign, there will be a long struggle.

The delegates here are strong in their feelings for their respective candidates. It will take more than brass bands on the streets and pyrotechnics to pull delegates from their favorites. The fight between the followers of Bland and Boies has developed much bitterness. So long as the followers of those two men maintain their contest, that long we will see the convention fall to finish its business. It is to be a fight between the conservatives and the radicals. No one can tell tonight what the result will be. The so-called sectional feeling of East against the West is being petted by the extremists of both the gold and silver men. They are trying to urge and to make sectional differences.

That wont do. It wont win. There are men on both sides who resent it. The silver men are positive that the East is full of silver's friends. They know that in every Eastern State there are voters who agree with the silver men of the West. Why then should the honest friends of silver in the West wish to foment a sectional quarrel?

The silver advocates of the West know that New York is full of silver men. Look beyond New York. Look at Brooks Adams and Fred Williams, of Massachusetts. Dare you tell me that men of that stamp are to be snuffed out and pushed aside? The idea is ridiculous. At one time the West was as meagre of information concerning silver as the East is now. It is a peculiar fact that if you take an individual New Yorker aside, take him by himself, undecorated with the badge of his delegation, he will concede, in smothered tones, that the silver sentiment has already a strong foothold in the East, and that it is only a question of time when it will have a fair hearing.

Many Western men are sorry that New York has seen fit to put Senator David B. Hill to the front and to make him bear the brunt of the first shock in this convention. I refer to the fight on preliminary organization. For Ohio Democrats to vote against David B. Hill is a hardship. He has often been heard and felt in Ohio campaigns. He has stumped the State for the Ohio Democracy in the hottest campaigns, and the Democrats of Ohio have not forgotten his splendid services. However, individuals will play no great part in this convention. It is not a question of men. It is to be a question of principles.

Whoever opposes the free coinage of silver will suffer defeat and humiliation.

LINDSAY PREDICTS "NO BOLT."

Senator from Kentucky Adds That the "Silver Fellows" Will Attempt No Revolutionary Measures.

Chicago, July 6. There will be no bolt, nor will the silver fellows attempt any revolutionary measures. The two-thirds rule will not be abrogated. With a free silver platform and candidate, I consider Kentucky a doubtful State. We had a good gold platform last year, but a better candidate, so we lost. A good many Democrats will vote the same way this year. These silver fellows say they will get Republican votes enough to make up the difference, but that's all nonsense.

By this new Australian ballot law a man can go up to the polls with a Democratic flag floating over each ear, and yet vote the Republican ticket.

WILLIAM LINDSAY, United States Senator from Kentucky.

HILL SECOND IN FAVOR.

A Poll of Delegates Shows Bland First Choice for the Nomination and Boies Third.

Chicago, July 7, 1 a. m.—A poll of the delegates made by members of the Journal staff last night shows that Senator Hill is second in preference for the nomination with 102 votes. Bland leads all the candidates with 231 votes, and Boies stands third with 97.

The suggestion that Hill may be the nominee is scouted by the gold men. He could not flop sufficiently to meet the favor of the Western and Southern delegates, and there is hardly a possibility of bringing the silver extremists to any compromise platform on which Hill could logically stand.

ALL EYES FASTENED ON SENATOR HILL.

Amos J. Cummings Reviews the Situation on the Eve of the Convention—Silver Men Arrayed Against the New York Leader. Fight to Come on Michigan.

BY AMOS J. CUMMINGS.

Chicago, July 6.—Cloudy and cool is the day before the opening of the great battle. The streets are crowded and the air is filled with martial music. Files of men in homespun are treading the streets wearing Bland badges. Nor are the Hoosiers behind in their devotion to Matthews. Their band is deafening the swarming crowd at the Palmer House. They flaunt pictures of their candidates in the faces of wondering spectators and fill the air with enthusiastic cries. Anon the supporters of Boies come into view, not entirely devoid of vigor, but placidly awaiting the opening of the fight.

The booms of Blackburn, Joe Sibley and Garland are neither effervescent nor evanescent. They are quietly gathering strength, awaiting an opportune moment for launching. Meantime, McLean is flicking his antennae into odd nooks and crevices in search of votes for the second place on the ticket. His work is deftly done. He makes no more noise than a thistle-down. Yet certain it is that his play is effective—so effective that his friends are already claiming that he is really the reserve candidate for the Presidency itself. Aside from Blackburn and Sibley, he is the only candidate on the battle-ground.

Bland is making hay on his little farm at Lebanon, and the rattling of Boies's mowers are heard upon his little agricultural principality near Waterloo, Ia. Matthews is buried in Executive duties in Indianapolis and Garland is closing up his law cares in Washington, preparatory to his usual summer flight to Hominy Hill, in Arkansas.

As for the gold men, they have no candidate. It would be more than temerity for them to present one. Struggle as they may they will be nailed to a sixteen to one platform, and nailed there exultantly. All this without any real leadership among the silver men. The work will be done apparently in the same spirit that animates a Southwestern mob at a lynching.

Dan Donegan, of Tammany Hall, tried a little moral suasion upon a bushwhacking Missourian to-day. It failed. Dan was told that he was a creature of Wall Street and entitled to no consideration whatever. "Damn you," said the bushwhacker, "we don't mean to give you any quarter until Wall Street brings its bonds here and burns them in the streets of Chicago. Then we'll say 'Howdy' to you and not before."

All interest to-night is centered on David B. Hill. Old-time Mugwumps are gazing at him with admiration, if not adoration. Nearly every delegate from the Eastern and Middle States called upon him to-day, and there was a fair sprinkling of manna from the South and West. All, however, are engulfed by the unit rule. The only delegations not bound by this rule are those from Florida and Alaska. Ex-Secretary Whitney and Don Dickinson were also among the visitors to Senator Hill. There was evidently some interest attached to the Don's visit. The Times-Herald of this morning had printed an alleged letter from Senator Hill beginning thus:

"New York will walk out of the convention in case Michigan is thrown out by the free silver men."

Whether Hill wrote this or not, his work is positive and unceasing. He has both judgment and executive ability. He is to head off the forlorn hope in the convention. It will be a fight that will ground him still deeper in the affections of the New York Democracy.

A bolt is, of course, possible, but not probable. Tammany Hall, under the leadership of John C. Sheehan, will stand firmly by the principles and traditions of the Democratic party. The New York Democracy is entitled to at least common courtesy from the men who forced upon them the candidate of four years ago. But this courtesy will undoubtedly not be extended.

Hear a little history. Three days ago prominent Democrats from the East urged Senator Hill to accept the temporary chairmanship of the convention, if offered to him by the National Committee. He favored some other candidate, preferring to sit among his own delegation. At the earnest solicitation of the gentlemen later on he consented to accept the place if the committee saw fit to offer it to him. This was done after the matter had been bruited among his free silver associates in the United States Senate, and they had expressed their confidence in his fairness and judgment, independent of his financial views. But they were evidently unable to control their delegations. The Goths and Visigoths protested. The lynch law spirit was prevalent.

Several of his Senatorial silver associates are said to have called upon Senator Hill and to have urged him to decline the nomination, if made by the National Committee. The Senator stood by his guns. In plain words he told them he should accept the place if offered, and they were at liberty to turn him down in convention if they saw fit.

The delegation left, but not to sleep. At 1 o'clock in the morning it was asserted that they had captured the National Committee and that Hill could not get the nomination. There was substantial ground for the truth of the assertion. The gold leaders were alarmed. Their life was in the hands of the committee, but there was still time to drive their silver foes out. It was done under the supervision of the greatest and most skilful of their generals.

The committee met to-day, and Senator Hill was nominated for temporary chairman by a vote of 27 to 23. Senator Daniel, of Virginia, was the choice of the minority. It was understood that he will allow his name to go before the convention. There is only one precedent for such action by a convention. It was set by the Republican National Convention of 1884. Powell Clayton, the nominee of the majority of the National Committee, was set aside by the National Convention and John R. Lynch, a negro and the candidate of the minority of the committee, was substituted. A Democratic National Convention will to-morrow follow the precedent thus set by a Republican convention, barring the putting of a white man in the place of the negro.

The New York delegation immediately organized for missionary work. They visited the various delegations and urged in the name of decency and as common courtesy to accept Hill's nomination. In vain they alluded to his services on behalf of the South and of Democracy. His Elmira speech was quoted without effect. The silver men replied that although his speech on taking the chair might be moderate in tone, it would not be made in the interest of free silver. When told that it made little difference whether the speech was delivered from the platform or on the floor, they replied that they asked no favors from the Eastern Democracy, and that they would grant none.

A few, however, were disposed to clobber for the New York vote after the platform was adopted. None of them was anxious to get out on the first ballot for fear of its effect upon the convention. All were anxious that New York should put up a candidate of her own, and stand by him until the opportunity for a coup de grace arrived. Then they were ready to accept her services with thankfulness, and allow her to return home on a silver platform to make the fight as she saw fit. It will not be forgotten that Senator Hill was placed in nomination here for the Presidency by Senator Daniel four years ago. Daniel was hoisted and jeered and nearly howled down by the very men who are now supporting him for temporary presiding officer in opposition to Hill. Truly the mutations of politics are kaleidoscopic, but what is is, and what is not cannot be.

The real fight in the convention will be over the admission of the Michigan delegation. They have received their credentials from the National Committee, but yet have to run the gantlet of the Committee on Credentials, with Tillman and other savage silver chiefs brandishing their tomahawks. The admission of the contestants will give the silver men a two-thirds majority.

The statesman who thinks he springs from the loins of the people is here in superabundance. He seems to be governed by unrestrained impulse and not by judgment. His first intentions were fair, but his second appear to be unfair. One is almost tempted to ask, in the language of an eminent philosopher: "How can an entity wandering in a vacuum devour second intentions?"

NEW YORK UNDECIDED YET.

Attitude Towards the National Ticket, Says Flower, May Well Be Left to the State Convention.



BY ROSWELL P. FLOWER.

Chicago, July 6. To W. R. Hearst, The Journal, New York.

The New York delegation cannot at present tell what its ultimate action will be. It will be guided entirely by circumstances.

In my opinion, however, New York will fight to the last ditch in the Convention, and remain until the Convention adjourns. When the State Convention is held in the Fall, the party can then take what action it may deem proper in reference to the national ticket.

New York is for sound money, and I think the sentiment of the State will be found overwhelmingly for the maintenance of the gold standard.

ROS WELL P. FLOWER,
Former Governor of New York.

SHEEHAN FIGHTS FOR HILL.

His Defeat for Temporary Chairman After Being Nominated, He Says, Would Be Revolutionary.

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Chicago, July 6.

To W. R. Hearst, the Journal, New York: I was very glad indeed to see that an overwhelming majority in favor of the regularly elected members of the Michigan delegation was recorded at the National Committee meeting to-day. In my judgment the report of the committee on this question will be accepted by the convention.

I am not prepared to predict, however, what the convention will do in reference to the temporary chairmanship. Mr. Hill has been nominated for this position, and it will be a complete overthrow of the precedents of the party if some one else should be chosen. The defeat of Mr. Hill for the temporary chairmanship would be a revolutionary proceeding, and I should dislike very much to see the convention's first action a revolutionary one. There is always a possibility that when you revolutionize in one direction at the beginning you are likely to end with some other revolutionary proceeding.

In the National Committee to-day I called attention to the fact that four years ago I made a strong effort to secure the nomination of a certain gentleman as temporary chairman, but was unsuccessful. There was not, however, any minority report of the members of the National Committee with whom I agreed. The announcement has been made by Committeeman Thomas that the minority of the National Committee will report in favor of Senator Daniel as temporary chairman, but I am hopeful that this announcement will not be followed by that fact.

WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN,
New York Member of the National Committee and Former Lieutenant-Governor of the State.

DEMOCRACY BOUND TO WIN.

Turpie Adds That Matthews's Candidacy Is in Better Condition Than It Has Ever Before Been.

Chicago, July 6.

To W. R. Hearst, the Journal, New York: The Democratic party will conduct a successful Presidential campaign this year on an old-fashioned Democratic platform, with special resolutions on coinage, the labor question, the Monroe doctrine and the Cuban war.

Governor Matthews's candidacy is to-day in a better condition than it has ever before been. We have strong hopes of his success.

DAVID TURPIE, United States Senator from Indiana.