

CUMMINGS'S PEN PICTURES.

Fight on in Fury Between Victorious Silverites and Sullen and Defiant Gold Cohorts.

BY AMOS J. CUMMINGS.

Journal Convention Headquarters, Palmer House, Chicago, July 8.—The fight on in all its fury.

Battle axes are clashing, and the clans are using their claymores with vengeance. Occasionally there is the thrust of a lance and the quick lunge of a rapier.

But the gold men are sullen and defiant. The latter look upon the defeat of David B. Hill, for temporary chairman, as an unnecessary display of brutality. Meetings were held, and threats of a bolt were heard from the lips of a few prominent Democrats.

Meanwhile, New York's greatest chieftain, Hill, was in earnest consultation with William F. Harris, who had taken his place at the head of the Pennsylvania delegation.

Four years ago the silver delegates to a National Democratic Convention, held in this very town, made a desperate effort to place a free silver plank in the platform.

A New York Democratic State Convention is to be held this fall. To its care may be fairly committed the platform and the nominees of the National convention.

Such are some of the sentiments that seemed to influence the action of the gold delegates. They were willing to abide by the decision of the convention in driving out the Nebraska and the Michigan delegation.

To be sure the Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention had instructed its delegates to present the name of Robert E. Pattison as a candidate for the Presidency.

There was one objection to this mode of procedure. If all the gold delegates were bound by it, it would reduce the aggregate vote of the convention by over 300.

This statement shows the difficulties that confronted the advocates of the gold standard. Aside from this they found a free silver sentiment cropping out in their own delegations.

The results of the conferences of the gold standard leaders is shown in the proceedings of the convention to-night. I am writing during the afternoon hours, and will not undertake any prediction.

It was while under the influence of these sweet strains this morning that the Virginia delegation began to shout for "Hill, David B. Hill!"

As the cry for Hill died away a shout for Algezel arose. The Illinois delegation expired with delight, and the Vanban who is conducting the siege of Wall Street slowly climbed the steps and shook hands with the chairman of the convention.

George Fred Williams was on tap when the Convention called for him. He stepped from step to step like a dancing master as he ascended the platform.

Loud yells fighting was going on to-night. So it is. And great preparations for fighting, it is among the candidates for the Presidency. No man can tell what the morrow will bring forth.

SCHEMING TO DEFEAT BLAND. McLEAN CAN HAVE SECOND PLACE.

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any bartering or hold conferences with the Bland or Boies elements indicated that he had a candidate who was to be trotted out at the last moment.

Of course, this will not be done so long as McLean has a chance for first honor, but it is undoubtedly the plan to be pursued when John R. finds it impossible to increase the complimentary vote for himself.

The rumor went about late to-night that the Illinois delegation had decided to plump its vote for Stevenson. It was also alleged from the same source that Alabama would follow the Illinois lead whenever the Stevenson conspiracy should be sprung.

General St. Claire, of West Virginia, says this: "Illinois now has the star opportunity of the convention. If its delegation will stick to the Stevenson idea it will result in the nomination of the Illinoisan."

The opinion of St. Claire has a great many indorsements. Naturally, the Eastern Democrats do not want a free silver man for candidate, but if they must have one they prefer Stevenson above all others.

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We hold that tariff duties should be levied for purposes of revenue, and that taxation should be limited by the needs of the Government honestly and economically administered.

We hold that the most efficient way of protecting American labor is to prevent the importation of foreign pauper labor to compete with it in the home market.

We denounce the prodigal waste of money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation and the lavish appropriations of recent Republican Congresses, which have kept taxes high while the labor that pays them is unemployed.

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We extend our sympathy to the people of Cuba in their heroic struggle for liberty and independence.

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Most Prominent Man for the Vice-Presidential Nomination.

He Only Has to Ask for It to Secure the Honor That Many Covet.

Believed That if Named He Would Contribute Half a Million to the Campaign.

Brooks Adams and George Fred Williams, Both of Massachusetts, Also in the Struggle.

BUT SILVER LEADERS ARE PASSIVE.

They Have Left This Question for the Spasmodic Men in Control of the Democratic Convention to Decide.

Chicago, July 8.—Much as some eminent candidates for the Presidential nomination affect to despise mention of their names for Vice-President, it is certain that not one of them would decline the honor.

The silver men would like to name some one from New York. They can think of no one except William P. St. John, but his recent banking connection stands somewhat in his way.

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