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DEMOCRATIC DUTY.

Many good Democrats will be disappointed at the action of the National Convention in Kansas City in rehashing old platform issues, and especially in the unyielding position of our nominee on the silver question, which practically fixed the declaration on that subject. Not only in Maryland but in all the North and Eastern States is this the case. So great is this feeling here that Mr. Bryan has received much harsh criticism. Many thought—and they were perfectly honest in the opinion—that the platform should deal with the present rather than the past; that Kansas City has nothing to do with Chicago; that the declarations of '96 were for that year, and are a dead letter now, except so far as they might be wrought into the framework of a platform of to-day's live issues. With a platform made simply to catch votes, it was thought that Democratic victory would be sure.

But this is only one side of it. It is from the standpoint of the East—of Maryland. That other side—the one which has captured the Democratic party—should be honestly considered, now that we find we cannot have *our way* in the matter. Let's be charitable to those who have differed with us. Are they not as honest as we?—their patriotism as pure, and their wisdom as clear? And, again, may they not be, after all, not only in the right, but on the side of consistency and good politics?

After all the splutter, what is this platform business? In all the past—with all parties—what other effect or significance has it ever had than a mere declaration of principles *for the time being?* It settles nothing—legislates nothing. Every issue treated by the party platform to-day must again come up for settlement in our legislative bodies and by men fresh from the people. Platforms are made simply to catch votes. The Republican platform at Philadelphia is wholly with this end in view. And so is that of the Democratic declaration at Kansas City.

The real platform is the MAN who is selected as the standard bearer of the party. BRYAN is the platform within himself. To place him upon any other than that which is consistent with himself would gain very little, but would lose much.

The convention has done right—made the PLATFORM *conform to the* CHARACTER *of the candidate.*

So much has been said about the right and wrong of the "free silver" issues of '96, that silence now, simply to gratify the antagonistic elements of that great contest, might be regarded in the light of censure for the millions who stood true to their party and country and went down with their patriotic candidates.

Silver is not an issue in this campaign. No platform declaration can make it so. The gold standard has been fixed upon us, and cannot be changed except by Congress in both houses as well as the Presidential sanction. So that no Democrat need fear to support the Democratic ticket this year because of this issue.

The other issues are all live and at hand. The very next Congress and President must deal with them. *President McKinley is now dealing with them and will so continue* until the people declare against him.

Mr. Bryan, if elected, will at once call a halt, and we honestly believe, will save the country untold peril of blood and treasure.

BRYAN'S character is now too well known to be questioned upon any issue, and his firmness—amounting almost to stubbornness on the silver question—even to the disregard of all consequences to himself—places his high traits upon a more exalted plane than ever before. He has opinions of his own—he is a man of the people—he is a patriot for the love of pure government, and not for the power it brings.

The country will be safe in Bryan's hands and he will get our hearty support, and the ticket shou'd receive the support of EVERY DEMOCRAT AND CONSERVERATIVE IN MARYLAND on "THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE OF IMPERIALISM."

For Vice President.

The convention met at 10½ A. M. on the third day (yesterday) and nominated Adlai E. Stevenson for vice-president.

This ticket will command the united support of the Democracy—and the fight is against imperialism, militarism and monopoly.

JOHN G. WOOLEY has declined the Prohibition nomination for President, and Charles M. Sheldon is named.

THE Baltimore Sun says the platform is admirable except for its 16 to 1 declarations. We trust the Sun will overlook the "lesser evil" and help the Democracy again this year with its great influence to defeat the greater evils of McKinleyism.

The Silver Republican National Convention met at the Auditorium in Kansas City. Charles A. Towne, chairman of that party's National Committee, called it to order. After some speechmaking and the appointment of a committee to confer with the Democrats on the Vice-Presidency the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock next morning.

HORRIBLE news comes from China. "Not a single foreigner is now alive in Pekin" is the latest Chinese report that has reached Shanghai. Earlier reports from the same sources describe the condition of the British Legation as something awful. It is said that the rooms of the legation were filled with sick and wounded, the killed lying unburied in heaps. It is believed that many members and officials of the Tsung Li Yamen perished when the German guard maddened by the murder of Baron Von Ketteler, the German min ster, set fire to the building. That the foreigners at the Chinese capital have been abandoned to their horrible fate seems no longer open to doubt.

THE great convention hall in Kansas City is thus described: The auditorium is four hundred feet long by two hundred feet wide, and not a single post or pillar obstructs the view. The arrangement is that of an amphitheater, the spectators' seats rising tier upon tier from the sides of the arena. This arena is divided in half lengthwise. The east side being the section for the newspaper men and the stage, and the western side for the delegates and alternates. The stage stretches out into the center of the hall, the speaker's platform marking the center from which radiate the circles of chairs, to the number of sixteen thousand. The scene presented by the rising tiers of seats filled with the crowds, waving flags, fans and hats, was animated and inspiring.

REPUBLICANS MUST PREPARE TO LOSE NEW YORK.

From Chicago Times Herald, Rep.

Theodore Roosevelt having failed to stem the tide of Republican enthusiasm that would not permit him to escape the Vice Presidential nomination, the Republican party must now face the serious problem of electing its ticket without the electoral vote of New York. Whatever may have been the political chicanery and deceit behind the fictitious "stampede" that overcame Governor Roosevelt's honest instinct and snatched him from his chosen sphere of duty and usefulness, there can be no doubt that it weakens the Republican ticket in the State with the largest vote in the Electoral College.

He is but a shallow student of the crooked ways of New York politics who does not fear the worst from the jockeying that has rehabilitated Thomas C. Platt as the undisputed middle, end and confidence man of Republican power in New York.

By playing the game for Thomas C. Platt the Republican delegates from the West have confronted their constituents with this ill favored table of November possibilities:

Bryan's vote in 1896	*176
New York electoral vote	36
Kentucky's electoral vote	12
Maryland's electoral vote	8— 56
Total	232
Necessary to elect	224

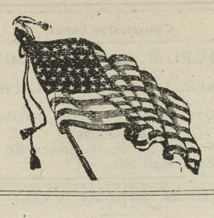
*Including one from Kentucky.

It will be received that if Bryan wins in New York, Kentucky and Maryland in addition to the States he carried in 1896 he will be elected.

In order to overcome any such possible result of the abuse of Western sentiment in Philadelphia it will be necessary for Western Republicans to win at least nine electoral votes among the following States which cast them for Bryan four years ago:

California	1
Idaho	3
Kansas	10
Montana	3
Nebraska	8
South Dakota	4
Washington	4
Wyoming	3
Total	36

It happens that these eight Western States, by reason of the odd one in California, cast precisely the same vote for Bryan in 1896 that New York cast for McKinley. Western Republicans will have to hold every electoral vote the great Central West polled for McKinley in 1896 and at least nine votes from above table to insure the election of McKinley and Roosevelt should the peculiar conditions in New York result in the loss of that State.



BRYAN & STEVENSON

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC STANDARD-BEARERS!

The Burning Issue of Imperialism

DECLARED THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE of the CAMPAIGN!

The Democratic National Convention of 1900, which met in the new convention hall at Kansas City at noon Wednesday, developed a decided surprise.

Not only was the plan of the leaders for a one-day convention spoiled, but nothing beyond the actual work of organization was accomplished, notwithstanding that the convention was in session until 10.34 o'clock at night. Three sessions were held—from noon to 2.30 p. m., from 4.43 to 4 51 p. m. and from 8.33 to 10.34 p. m. At the last named hour an adjournment was taken until 10.30 o'clock next morning, which is equivalent to 11.30 in our time.

The opening session was devoted to the selection of Gov. Chas. S. Thomas, of Colorado, as temporary chairman, a speech by Gov. Thomas, the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the appointment of committees. The second session transacted no important business, as the committees were not ready to report. At the night session all the committees reported except that on resolutions, which was still debating the platform. Congressman James D. Richardson, of Tennessee, was selected as permanent chairman and made a speech; Ex Gov. J. P. Altgeld, of Illinois, also spoke. As the committee on resolutions was not ready to report, the convention accomplished little of actual business. The committee on resolutions held a meeting and debated the platform in lively style. Three drafts of the platform were presented. One of these was from R. L. Metcalf, of Nebraska, and was accepted as Mr. Bryan's expression upon this question. It contained a specific plank declaring for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. Other provisions in this platform aimed at trusts, the protective tariff and the imperialistic policy of the McKinley Administration. Liberty and home government were promised to the Filipinos and sympathy was expressed for the Boers.

The two other platform drafts were submitted by ex-Judge Augustus Van Wyck, of New York, and L. F. Garrard, of Georgia, respectively. They did not differ materially from the Bryan platform, except that they contained merely a reaffirmation of the Chicago platform without specific mention of 16 to 1.

The committee soon plunged into a debate. Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, and W. D. Daly, of New Jersey, spoke against a 16-to-1 plank. J. R. Fitzgerald, of Colorado, and George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, spoke for 16 to 1. There were several other speakers.

The convention was marked by scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm. There were two notable demonstrations. One, an ovation to ex-Senator David B. Hill, of New York, lasted 20 minutes in the afternoon. The other came at night, when Permanent Chairman Richardson mentioned Hon. William J. Bryan's name. It lasted 30 minutes.

On the second day the convention adopted its platform and nominated Hon. William Jennings Bryan for President of the United States.

The nomination of Mr. Bryan was unanimous. Every vote in the convention was cast for him as the States were called.

The platform, as reported by the committee on resolutions, was adopted by the convention without debate and without a dissenting voice. It begins with declarations on the question of imperialism, which it declares to be "the paramount issue of the campaign." A large part of the text is taken up with this topic. The next problems dealt with, in the order named, are the Monroe doctrine, militarism, trusts, the tariff and the interstate commerce law. Then comes the silver plank, which contains a declaration for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. The final vote in the committee was 26 to 24 in favor of 16 to 1.

Ex-Senator Hill, Blair Lee, of Maryland, and many others made speeches seconding Bryan's nomination.

A HEAVY storm in Cecil last Thursday was destructive to orchards and wheat shocks in the neighborhood of Elkton.

THE 15-year old daughter of Mrs. Wm. Secord of Hagerstown started to elope with a lion tamer in a traveling show yesterday, but was captured and returned to her home, while the lion tamer hid in his cage with hislions.

First District Congressman.

"IF the Democratic nomination should be given to former Gov. E. E. Jackson, the Republicans will probably nominate Wilbur Eliason, of Kent.—Baltimore American.

APPALLING CALAMITY!

Some bales of cotton on one of the ocean piers took fire about 4 o'clock last Saturday afternoon at Hoboken, N. J., and the results that followed are frightful. The pictures of burning ships and the agonies of the imprisoned human beings as they looked through the portholes and windows and begged piteously for release from the fiery furnace, are horrible. The following summary of the terrible calamity is from the Baltimore Sun:

The appalling loss of life and property caused by the fire at the North German Lloyd Company's piers at Hoboken, N. J., on Saturday is without parallel in this country. Three steel steamships were destroyed and another was damaged. Many persons were burned to death, while scores were drowned. It is believed that fully 300 perished. Property of the estimated value of $10,000,000 was consumed by the flames. Altogether the fire was the most destructive ever known in the piers and shipping of New York. There has been greater loss of life at sea in recent years from disasters to ocean liners, notab'y in the case of the Bourgoyne. But the ships which were destroyed in the harbor of New York on Saturday were at their piers taking on cargo, and presumably in the safest place possible. If they had been steaming in midocean they could scarcely have burned more quickly, while if they had been filled with passengers the loss of life would have been stupendous. It may be that the docks at Hoboken are provided with all the necessary facilities for extinguishing a fire. If this be the case it would seem that little or no use was made of these facilities on Saturday when fire was discovered on the North German Lloyd's Company's pier. Before the ships could be moved from the dock three of them were enveloped in flames, while the fourth was burning in several places. The crews of the vessels were caught like rats in a trap, and although some of the men escaped others were penned in the holds of the ships and met death in its most awful form. Evidently the docks of Hoboken, in the light of Saturday's disaster, are not as well protected against fire as they should be, otherwise such a disaster as occured there in broad day light would hardly have been possible. With a great mass of inflammable material on the piers, such precautions should be taken at all times as would check a fire before it made dangerous headway. With vigilant watchmen, close inspection and modern equipment there should be little chance of such a catastrophe as that which occurred in New York harbor. The delay in moving the ships from the piers after the fire began was partly the cause of the loss of life on board the vessels. Perhaps it was impossible to get them away from the burning docks more quickly than was done. But with the flames spreading from pier to pier and every indication that the progress of the fire on the docks could not be checked, it appears that tugs were not available until too late to move the vessels out of the reach of the flames. In view of the circumstances attending the appalling disaster it is doubtful whether adequate provision has been made at the greatest port in the United States for the safety of its shipping and piers.

KANSAS CITY has 200,000 inhabitants and is described as "all up-hill."

"THE Father's Will" will be the subject at the Presbyterian church at Kennedyville at 3 P. M., and at Worton at 8 P. M., July 8th. Sunday School as usual.

Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, God, in His all-wise, but mysterious providence, has seen fit since the last meeting of this Association, to remove from us MISS KATE GOODHAND, an honored and active member of this association,

Resolved, That while we bow with humble submission to the inscrutable ways of Him whose servant we are, we express our profound sorrow at the loss of our highly esteemed friend and co worker in the cause of education.

Resolved, That as a member of this Association Miss Goodhand was ever conscientious, active and untiring in the discharge of all her duties.

Resolved, that as a teacher of youth Miss Goodhand fully met and scrupulously performed all her obligations with an eye single to the best interests and highest welfare of all her pupils.

Resolved, That we extend to her bereaved relatives and friends our most sincere sympathies in the hour of their affliction.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Association; be published in the County papers, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

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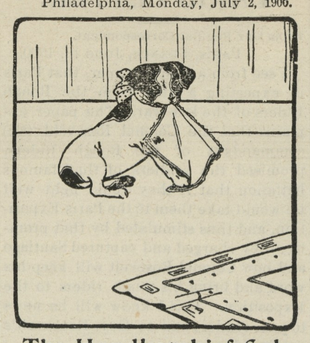

The Handkerchief Sale

The best part of this sale is not the reductions (they look only fairly large) but the fact that handkerchiefs that already sell for so little are reduced at all. It's like knocking a cent off of sugar—a big enough reduction to send people from all over town to a particular grocery store.

Those women's handkerchiefs, for instance, 90c a dozen. We've been selling them $1 a dozen, but for all that they're as good as any 12½c handkerchief you can buy anywhere but here.

And so it goes—almost every one of the 100,000 was a bargain (judging from outside prices) to start with.

Women's.

90c a dozen—were $1.
Good linen; good size.

$1 a dozen—were $1.20.
Sheer and dainty; with open-work, hand-embroidered initial; unlaundered.

$1.50 a dozen—were $1.80.
Better linen; strong and dainty.

$2 a dozen—were 25c.
Fine linen, but plain.

Men's.

All plain white hemstitched.

$1 a dozen—just about cost.
Good linen—every day handkerchiefs.

$1.40 a dozen—worth $1.75.
With hand-embroidered, open-work initial.

$1.75 a dozen—were 20c.
Fine linen; big and comfortable.

$2 a dozen—were 25c each.
Fine linen; pretty hand-embroidered and ornamented initial.

$2.25 a dozen—were 25c.
Very fine and soft; good size.

Puritan Refrigerators

Simply this—a constant circulation of cold air driving out the hot.

Ice Chests.

25 pounds of ice, $4.25 100 pounds ice, $9.50
35 pounds of ice, $6 150 pounds ice, $11.50
50 pounds of ice, $7.50

Upright refrigerators.

35 pounds ice, $9.75 75 pounds ice, $17.50
50 pounds ice, $13.80 100 pounds ice, $19.50

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Hand decorated, nickel faucet, galvanized lining.
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4 gallons, $3.75 6 gallons, $4.75
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8 gallons, $13

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The said plans and specifications must be left with M. A. TOULSON, Secretary to the committee, on or before

Tuesday, July 10th, 1900, at 8 P. M.

with the understanding that the right is reserved to reject any or all without cost to the committee. Parties furnishing plans will include expense for the use of the same should they be accepted by the committee.

☞ For further information apply to the Secretary.

By order of Committee.

j23-2[E.] WILBUR ELIASON, Chairman.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I am very thankful to my friends and public generally for their kind assistance during my fire on Sunday night, which was a total wreck, but hope to be able to start again shortly at my old stand by kind help of my friends. Hoping to be able some day to return all favors and kindness.

1t Yours in sorrow, B. S. SUTTON.

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