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during the convention which was made from the oak under which the Republican party was organized on July 6, 1854, in the village

of Jackson, Mich. A resolution congratulating Gen. Sheridan on the prospect of his recovery, and hoping that his life be preserved for many years, was carried by a rising vote during loudcheering, in which the visitors joined as heartily as did the candidates.

Adjourned until Wednesday noon.

THE SECOND DAY.

Chairman Estee's Brief Speech-Mahone Wins the Virginia Contest.

CHICAGO, June 20 .- The day opened with a coppery sky. The weather was by far the hottest yet experienced. The air was as heated and humid as steam from a tea kettle, It was a welcome relief to leave the torrid temperature on the outside to pass under the huge stone archway and thread the labyrinth of passes that lead into the auditorium hall.

Here it was just cool enough for comfort. Mr. Thurston rose and surveyed the throng through his gold rimmed glasses, his gavel fell, and at 12:33 the convention was called to order.

Stephen A. Northrup, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Fort Wayne, Ind., called for divine blessing of the proceedings in an eloquent praye : Several motions were made to adjourn, but

they were withdrawn. The motion to receive the report of the committée or permanent organization was unanimously adopted. When Governor Foster, of Ohio, stepped upon the platform to present the report he was heartly cheered. He named the follow-

ing officers: MChairman -- Hon. M. M. Estee, of California. Secretaries — The Hon. Charles W. Clisbee, Michigan; Michael Griffen, Wisconsin; William Ruell, Tennessee; Mr. Lynch, Pennsylvania. Assistant Secretaries — Thomas J. Brogan, Tennessee; James Bisby, Minnesota; Henry M. Cooper, Arkansas; William Nelson, New Jersey; A. M. Monroe, Maryland; J. E. Wiley, Texas; C. M. Shinn, West Virginia; John E. Minier, Louisiana. Reading Cierks—Henry Ballard, Vermont; Col. Clarkson-Lake, New York; Capt. David Lenning, Ohio; James H. Stone, Michigan; George M.

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A few words of thanks from Temporary Chairman Thurston for the consideration shown him, a word of introduction for his successor, and the permanent chairman stepped forward, and in a short speech, clearly and distinctly delivered, assumed his

At the conclusion of Mr. Estee's little address Mayor Roche, of Chicago, who was the first delegate to gain recognition, climbed upon the platform with a silver gavel in his hand, and in a brief speech presented it in behalf of the city to the chair. It was, he said, not silver alone, but of gold, emblematic of the bimetallic basis of sound national cur-

The appreciation that greeted the gift was expressed by prolonged cheers, and they were renewed when Delegate Charles A. Work, of Rockford, Ills., took his place and presented a gavel made from a desk in a tannery in Galena, and which "once belonged to that superb, magnificent, silent soldier, Gen. Grant."

The chairman in a few well spoken wodrs thanked the delegations for their gifts. This done, he laid aside the Michigan and silver gavels and proceeded to use that associated with memories of Galena.

Congressman Bayne, of Pennsylvania, submitted the report of the committee on rules. The report, after an hour had been consumed in discussing it, was unanimously adopted, with considerable cheering and

No response was made when the report of the committee on credentials was called for, and Mr. Hoar moved a recess until 8 p. m. A resolution was adopted expressing sym-pathy with the German nation in their dou-

ble loss in the decease of Emperors William and Frederick. A resolution expressing regret at the death of Gens. U. S. Grant, John A. Logan,

Chester A. Arthur and Hon. Roscoe Conkling, was adopted by a rising vote. The report of the committee on credentials was called for next, but it was announced that Mr. Hepburn, its chairman, was not with his delegation, and it was inferred that the committee had not completed its labors.

At 8:47 the chair again called for the chairman of the committee on credentials, and receiving no response, called upon the committee on resolutions. Mr. Harris, of North Carolina, responded that the committee would not be ready to report until the

It was announced that the committee on credentials would report in twenty minutes, and one great shout arose for Foraker. A formal motion that he be invited to speak was carried by acclamation, and he received an ovation when he appeared upon the stage.

In the course of his remarks Governor Foraker said that while he could not predict who would be the nominee for president, he could define some of his qualities. In the first place he will be a gentleman. That

is so. That is saving a good deal, isn't it? In the light of experience I speak, of course. He will be a man of good moral character, and he will have some social standing in the community where he lives. As some gentleman has intimated here, he will be a loyal son of the republic. Congressman Hepburn then read the report of the committee on credentials which

has already been given. Then came another debate on the Virginia delegate question. After several hours of talk, some of which was very spirited, a viva voce vote on the question of admitting the Wise delegates in the Second district was taken, and overwhelmingly carried.

Adjourned until 10 a. m. Thursday. THIRD DAY'S WORK.

The Platform Adopted and Nine Non inating Speeches Made. The convention was called to order Thurs

day at 10:05. Mr. McKinley, of Ohio, chairman of the committee on resolutions, then rose, amid applause, and began to read the report of the committee. He read in a clear, distinct voice as follows:

The Republicans of the United States, assembled by their delegates in national convention, pause on the threshold of their proceedings to honor the memory of their first great leader, the immortal champion of liberty and the rights of the people—Abraham Lincoln—and to cover also with wreaths of imperishable remembrance and greating the herein agrees of our later lead. also with wreaths of imperishable remembrance and gratitude the heroic names of our later leaders, who have more recently been called away from our councils—Grant, Garfield, Arthur, Logas, Coakling. May their memories be faithfully cherished! We also recall, with our greetings and with prayer for his recovery, the name of one of our living heroes, whose memory will be treasured in the history both of Republicans and of the remublic—the name of that noble

In the spirit of those great leaders, and of our own devotion to human liberty, and with that hostility to all forms of despotism and oppression which is the fundamental idea of the Republican party, we send fraternal congratulation to our fellow Americans of Brazil upon their great act of emancipation, which completed the abolition of slavery throughout the two American conti-nents. We earnestly hope that we may soon congratulate our fellow citizens of Irish birth upon the peaceful recovery of home rule for Ire

We reaffirm our unswerving devotion to the national constitution and to the indissoluble union of the states; to the autonomy reserved to the states under the constitution, to the personal rights and liberties of citizens in all the states and territories in the Union, and especially to the supreme and sovereign right of every lawful citizen, rich or poor, native or foreign born, white or black, to cast one free ballot in public elections, and to have that ballot duly counted. We hold the free and honest popular ballot, and the just and equal representation of all the peo-ple to be the foundation of our Republican government and demand effective legislation to secure the integrity and purity of elections, which are the fountains of all public authority. We charge that the present administration and the Democratic majority in congress owe their existence to the suppression of the ballot by a criminal nullification of the constitution and laws of the United States.

We are uncompromisingly in favor of the American system of protection; we protest against its destruction as proposed by the president and his party. They serve the interests of Europe; we will support the interests of America. We accept the issue, and confidently appeal to the people for their judgment. The protective system must be maintained. Its abandonment has always been followed by general disaster to all interests except those of the usurer and the sheriff. We denounce the Mills bill as destructive to the general business, the labor and the farming interests of the country, and we heartly indorse the consistent and patriotic action of the Republican representatives in congress in oppos-

We condemn the proposition of the Democratic party to place wool on the free list, and we insist that the duties thereon shall be adjusted and maintained so as to furnish full and

dequate protection to that industry.

The Republican party would effect all needed reduction of the national revenue by repealing the taxes upon tobacco, which are an annoyance and burden to agriculture, and the tax upon spirits used in the arts and for mechanical purposes, and by such revision of the tariff laws as will tend to check imports of such articles as are produced by our people, the production of which gives employment to our labor, and release from import duties those articles of foreign production (except luxuries) the like of which cannot be produced at home. If there shall still remain larger revenue than is requisite for the wants of the government, we favor the entire repeal of internal taxes, rather than the surrender of any part of our protective system at the joint behest of the whisky trusts and the agents of foreign manufactures.

We declare our hostility to the introduction into this country of foreign contract labor, and of Chinese labor, alien to our civilization and our constitution; and we demand the rigid enforcement of the existing laws against it, and favor such immediate legislation as will exclude such

labor from our shores. We declare our opposition to all combinations of capital organized in trusts or otherwise, to control arbitrarily the condition of trade among our citizens, and we recommend to congress and the state legislatures in their respective jurisdictions such legislation as will prevent the execution of all schemes to oppress the people by undue charges on their supplies, or by unjust rates for the transportation of their products to market. We approve the legislation by congress to prevent alike unjust burdens and

unfair discriminations between the states.

We reaffirm the policy of appropriating the public lands of the United States to be homesteads for American citizens and settlers, not aliens, which the Republican party established in 1862 against the persistent opposition of the Democrats in congress, and which has brought our great western domain into such magnificent development. The restoration of unearned railroad land grants to the public domain for the use tlers, which was begun u administration of President Arthur, should be continued. We deny that the Democratic party has ever restored one acre to the people, but de-



HON JAMES G. BLAINE. clare that by the joint action of Republicans and emocrats about 50,000,000 of acres of unearned lands originally granted for the construction of railroads have been restored to the public do-main, in pursuance of the conditions inserted by the Republican party in the original grants. We charge the Democratic administration with fall-ure to execute the laws securing to settlers titles to their homesteads, and with using appropria-tions made for that purpose to harrass innocent settlers with spies and prosecutions under the false pretense of exposing frauds and vindicating the law.

The government by congress of the territorie is based upon necessity only, to the end that they may become states in the Union; therefore, whenever the conditions of population, material resources, public intelligence and morality are such as to insure a stable local government therein, the people of such territories should be permitted as a right inherent in them, the right to form for themselves constitutions and state governments and be admitted into the Union. Pending the preparation for statehood, all offi-cers thereof should be selected from the bona fide residents and citizens of the territory wherein they are to serve. South Dakota should of right be immediately admitted as a state in the Union, under the constitution framed and the Union, under the constitution framed and adopted by her people, and we heartily indorse the action of the Republican senate in twice passing bills for her admission. The refusal of the Democratic bouse of representatives, for partisan purposes, to fifvorably consider these bills, is a willful violation of the sacred American principle of local self government and merits the condemnation of all just men. The pending bills in the senate for acts to enable the people of Washington, North Dakota and Montana territories to form constitutions and establish state governments should be passed without unnecessary delay. The Republican party pledges itself to do all in its power to facilitate the admission of the territories of New Mexico, Wyoming, Idaho and Arizona to the enjoyment of self government as states, such of them as are now qualified, as soon as possible, and the others as soon as they may become so.

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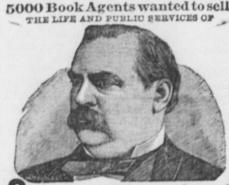
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