### BRYANITES DEFIANT **GOLD MEN SULK**

Pennsylvania's Democracy Is In Certainly a Very Bad Way.

WILL POLL A SMALL VOTE.

The Silver Knight's Domination of the Democratic National Committee Makes His Followers in the Keystone State

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, July 25.-Pennsylvania Democrats were deeply interested in the outcome of the meeting of the Democratic national committee at Chicago last week. Having been the first state to lead off with a boom for Bryan for president next year and the nomination of a complete free silver ticket on a-free silver platform, the Keystone state Democracy was anxious to be sustained at Chicago. Although there were two forces at work at the sessions of the national committee, both of these were in sympathy with Bryan and the platform of 1896. One element comprised what may for comparison's sake be called the conservative wing. and it dominated the committee. The other element represented the extremists, who demand an immediate declaration for the free coinage of silver and the expulsion from the party of all organizations and individuals who will not loudly profess their devotion for this program. Bryan does not propose to forsake free silver, although the free silver issue is alive only to the extent that Bryan and his friends continue to agitate. The country settled the question for once and all in 1896, and free coinage of silver has been definitely repudiated by the American people. It is the weakest card the Democrats can play, so weak that it makes certain the loss of the game. Yet Bryan clings to this personal issue.

The proceedings at Chicago are a finger board to the next national convention. It is obvious that Bryan is the choice of the Democratic party for president. Croker has a stalking horse in Judge Van Wyck, and Gorman has some senatorial advocates, while California suggests ex-Senator White. But Bryan is without a serious rival. He is the embodiment of the Chicago platform and the logical candidate if that platform shall be affirmed. Sound money Democrats who have hoped for the return of the party to reason will be disappointed, but their hopes have rested on thin air.

Throughout the state of Pennsylvania the followers of the regular Democratic organization are jubilant. They proclaim that the sentiment as expressed at the national committee meeting was a complete indorsement of Bryan and meant that he would have no trouble in obtaining the presidential nomination in 1900. On the other hand, the result of the meeting seemed to have rather a depressing effect on the gold Democrats. They were not inclined to say anything at all, but the few who would consent to talk freely admitted that it looked as if Bryan

would have everything his own way. Chairman Donnelly, of the Democratic city committee, of Philadelphia was among those who promptly took occasion to express their pleasure at the news from Chicago. From beginning to end, he declared, the meeting was in thorough accord with the wishes of Bryan, and everything that was done was favorable to his welfare.

There is nothing, as far as can be seen now, to prevent Bryan obtaining the nomination next year, and Philadelphia, Chairman Donnelly predicted. would send a solid delegation for him.

PENNSYLVANIA FOR BRYAN. Former Congressman James Kerr, of Clearfield county, leaves no doubt of sentiments of the Democarcy of the interior of the state.

"A majority of the delegates from Pennsylvania to the Democratic national convention," says Mr. Kerr, "will be favorable to the Bryan organization, and will favor permitting the platform of 1900 to be written by the friends of the 1896 platform. There will be some gold men in the delegation, but if the unit rule is enforced, as usual, the delegation will vote for Bryan and let the Bryan people write the platform. Democrats who are true to the party do not feel that the next platform should be written by those who refused to support the party on the 1896 platform. A majority of the Pennsylvania delegation will favor the platform being written by those who wrote it in '96, and will trust to them to adapt it to the present conditions."

CREASY WILL SUFFER. The enthusiasm of the Bryanites has had a depressing effect upon the sound money Democrats throughout the state. They are taking absolutely no interest in the Democratic state ticket. Many of them will not vote at the comstate election, while others will cast their ballots for the Republican nominees. The sound money Democrats argue that if the present Bryanite organization of the party in this state should poll a large vote for their state ticket it would be fairly taken as an indorsement from the Democratic voters of their radical stand on the silver question and all that Bryanism and the Chicago platform implies.

It would appear that Silverite Creasy is not going to come within sight of the state treasurer's office this year. REPUBLICANS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Preparations are under way for the Republican state convention, which meets here on the 24th of next month, with a view to accommodating an unusually large number of spectators. The city will be splendidly decorated, and as many of the soldiers of the Tenth Pennsylvania are expected here to see one of their officers honored, The prophets are still at sea as to

the names that will appear on the Republican state ticket.

agreement among the Republican leaders upon any candidates for nomina-

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ose when questioned on this sub 'As far as I know there is an open can-

vass," he added "What about Hawkins and Barnett and the state treasurership?" he was

"I do not know who will be nominated; in fact, I do not know the wishes of either of these gentlemen as to this nomination," replied the senator, frankly; "but you can depend upon it, there will be no friction between Hawkins and Barnett on this subject. They are warm personal friends, and worked and fought gallantly together in the Philippines. Either of them would make a most acceptable nominee for state treasurer."

There were three interesting contests at primary elections on Saturday last, In two of these friends of Colonel Quay scored unexpected victories. In York and Lycoming counties the local organizations have generally been against the friends of the Beaver statesman, but a strong sentiment has developed in each of these counties against the party wreckers, which was made quite manifest at the delegate elections.

In Centre county former Governor Hastings made a personal canvass in the interest of two candidates for delegates to the state convention. There was no Quay or anti-Quay issue, but the fight developed into personal con-test between Hastings and the supporters of Judge Love. Hastings won out, though not until he had gone through one of the most expensive campaigns in his political career.

There are but a few more countles outside of Philadelphia that have state delegates to elect, and when the list shall be completed it will be found that fully two-thirds of the delegates in the state convention will be friendly to the leadership of Colonel Quay, and will insist upon the strongest kind of indorsements of the national and state administrations

Chairman John P. Elkin, of the Republican state committee, says there are no contesting delegations on record, and he does not anticipate any. The chairman is evidently pleased with the harmony that is prevailing in the party organization. He predicts that there will be a remarkably enthusiastic gathering here next month.

WHY GRADY SMILES.

State Senator John C. Grady is having some fun with those featherweight statemen who have been indulging in wild talk about Governor Stone being afraid to call an extra session of the legislature, lest a movement might be made to impeach him for his vetoes of a portion of the school appropriation and of the proposed constitutional amendment. Senator Grady directs attention to the fact that only such matters for which the legislature is specifically reconvened can be considered at an extra session. It is highly improbable that the governor would, in his call for an extra session, include a proposition to have himself impeached. The ignorance which Senator J. Bayard Henry, Representative W. T. Creasy and others in the insurgent-Democratic alliance display in their public declarations on constitutional questions has been an amusing feature of the newspaper campaign be ing waged against the Republican state administration. Senator Grady says there will be no extra session of the legislature and adds that Colonel Quay is already assured by individual expressions from senators of more than enough votes to insure his being seated in the United States senate.

## CREASY FLATLY TURNED DOWN.

Prohibitionists Reject the Democratic Nominee For State Treasurer.

#### BLOCK A CLEVERLY PLANNED SCHEME

The Third Party Voters Repudiate Their Leaders Who Have Been Working With the Flinn-Martin Republican Combine.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, July 25.-A significant revolt in the Prohibition party of Pennsylvania, which will have far reaching effect throughout the state, was witnessed at the state convention of that party in this city last Friday. A scheme to place the name of the Democratic nominee for state treasurer, William T. Creasy, at the head of the Prohibition ticket was turned down unceremoniously. This action was a complete repudiation of the little coterie of so-called leaders who have been making the Prohibition party an annex to the Republican insurgent machine. It is known that plans were carefully laid to spring Creasy's name upon the convention and put his nomination through with a hurrah. The manipulators of the game counted upon unsuspecting delegates promptly taking up the suggestion and letting the nomination go through without opposition. But it happened that a number of the old time Prohibition workwho have been relegated to the rear by some of the recent accessions to the ranks of the party, got an inkling of what was going on. They at ance set to work and industriously and systematically canvassed among the delegates and ultimately thwarted the schemers who had been so boneful of putting the Creasy project through successfully. State Chairman Charles R. Jones and Chairmen L. L. Eavenson and Homer L. Castle, of the Philadelphia and Allegheny delegations, respectively, were put down, among others, as favoring Creasy. Hiram De Walt, who is looked upon as one of the "Old Guard" of the Prohibition party of Pennsylvania, was a determinthere will be special efforts taken to ed opponent of this proposition to put make the display appropriately patri-otic. the Democratic nominee at the top of the Prohibition state ticket. There was not even a suggestion of fusion, but a bold move to throw the entire Prohibition vote to the Democratic party, "I am satisfied there has been no without a single good argument to be advanced for so doing. Mr. De Walt was not going to be a party to any

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Others openly declared that the tendency of the recent management of the party's affairs was to subordinate the work for the fundamental principles of the Prohibition party to participating in the game of state politics in the interests of the Flinn-Martin combine in the Republican party. It has been supposed for some time that there has been not a little lubricating of the Prohibition state machine by insurgent Republican interests, and a significant and suspicious solicitude for the insurgent cause has been noticeable. The placing of the names of David Martin and his Democratic friend, John H. Fow, on the Prohibition ticket for the legislature last fall was but one of many circumstances that aroused feelings of indignation among the rank and file of the Prohibition party. Throughout the state deals were made by which the Prohibition party was ordinated to the schemes of the Flinn-Martin insurgents to defeat regplarly nominated Republican candidates for the legislature. The names of the Democrats with whom the bolting Republicans wished to defeat the regular Republican Lominees wers placed upon the Prohibition ticket. In this way the Prohibition party was made a mere tender to the insurgent factional machine.

The revolt against a continuance of this policy came at the meeting of the Prohibition state convention last Friday. A movement was actually organized to unseat Mr. Jones from the chairmanship of the Prohibition state committee, and it would have been carried out effectively had not the Creasy business been dropped. Notwithstanding this fact, when the state committee met for reorganization 12 members declined to vote for Mr. Jones' re-election, and cast their ballots for Emmet D. Nicholls, of Luzerne, a straightout Prohibitionist, for state chairman.

Further attempts at alliance with either Democratic or Republican machines will no doubt meet with vigorous public protests from straightout

Prohibitionists throughout the state. CREASY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Creasy, in the role of a Prohibitionist, would be a strange spectacle for his colleagues in the legislature to contemplate. His record at Harrisburg would place him in line for almost anything except a Prohibition nomination. He would have been vigorously assailed had he been placed on the Prohibition ticket.

Representative Ebenezer Adams, of West Philadelphia, is given credit for enlightening many of the delegates in the Prohibition convention as to the scheme to put Creasy on their ticket and of the criticisms of such action that would certainly follow. The sentiment against this fusion became so strong that the men back of the game finally concluded that it would be best not to bring Creasy's name before the convention.

Democratic State Chairman Rilling, who was in town during the day, was greatly disappointed at this failure to help out his free silver candidate for state treasurer and Creasy's feelings under the circumstances can be imagined.

The insurgent Republicans who hoped to use a Prohibition nomination of Creasy as a club over stalwart Republicans were naturally chagrined.

The Prohibitionists nominated Major H. S. Caldwell, mayor of Milford, Northumberland county, for state treasurer. He is a practical Prohibitionist, has a splendid official record and is a Union veteran. For justice of the supreme court they named Agib Ricketts, of Luzerne, and for justice of the superior court H. L. Robinson of Fayette.

PARTY WRECKERS NOT WANTED "One of the most insane of the party wrecking organs," says The Inquirer, complains loudly that the recent appointments of census supervisors in Pennsylvania were drawn from the ranks of the stalwart Republicans; that the appointments were made upon the recommendation of Quay and Penrose, and it prints a brief history of each official named. From these histories it appears very conclusively that a high order of supervisors has been obtained; that there is not an unfit man among them; that each one of the appointees is a credit. And yet this complaining organ isn't happy. What did it expect? Has it be-

lieved that the administration at Washington is in the party wrecking business like itself? Has it supposed that a political highwayman of Pittsburg and a discredited politician of Philadelphia, trading under the firm name of Flinn & Martin (Limited), would receive recognition at the nation's capital? There has been nothing more disgusting in the history of politics than the attempt of this firm of self seeking political freebeoters to pull down the Republican party in Pennsylvania and, like vultures, grow fat upon the remains. The federal administration is not in the carrion business, therefore it has passed by the Flinns and Martins, and every census supervisor is a man opposed to the methods which those leaders of personal spite and envy adopted at Harrisburg. Evidently there is not much use in Washington for the party wreckers of Pennsylvania."

NEW YORKERS INSPECTING. Philadelphia has been invaded during the past week by two separate sets of New Yorkers. One set came to spy out the land and to discover why it is that Philadelphia is encroaching upon New York's ocean commerce. The other set came over to look into the National Export exposition. Both sets, apparently, were highly edified. They came to the conclusion that the exposition is altogether too important to be ignored and that the immense work on the river front is evidence of great enterprise, as it is. They understand that Philadelphia is prepared for trade, and that the dock and port charges are much less here than in New York. As a matter of fact the water front of New York is pretty much ait occupied, while the port of Philadelphia has ample room. is needed, of course, is a 30 foot channel to the sea and that is coming Some day we shall have an ocean canal across New Jersey. When that enter-prise is accomplished New York will have to adopt extreme measures if she is to hold her ocean carrying business.

Persons troubled with diarrhoea will be interested in the experience of Mr. W.M. Bush, clerk of the Hote: Dorrance, Providence, R. I. He says: "For several years I have been almost a constant sufferer from diarrhoes, the frequent attacks completely prostrating me and rendering me unfit for my duties at this hotel. About two years ago a traveling satesman kindly gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-Remedy in my family for years and always with good results," says Mr. W. B. Cooper of El Rio Cal. "For small children we find it especially effective," For sale by all druggists.

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IT CAME IN THE WILD RIOT STARTED BY THE CIRCUS MAN.

He Bided His Time, and When It Came the Mexicans Who Had Tortured Him Paid Dearly For Their Unwarranted Brutality.

"I've been mixed up in a good many Hey, Rube, ' fights in the western states, and I've got myself pretty badly clawed apart in some of them at that," said the settled down Capitol hill man who used to be boss tentman with a circus, 'but the worst 15 minute 'Hey, Rube,' battle 1 ever got tangled with happened in Mexico. The battle was started to satiate the vengeful spirit of one man, and the neat way with which he brought it off was surely a warning to grasshoppers. man was in my gang. He joined the show up in the northern part of Starr county, Tex. He was inexperienced, but he was a worker, and he didn't want to do all the talking himself. His head was done up in bandages when he joined the outfit, and I asked him who had been slugging him.

Greasers,' he replied shortly, and, as a sort of a hard, steely light crept into his eyes when he snapped out the word, I didn't press him for details. "We had a sort of a half baked 'Hey,

Rube,' fight down in the middle of Starr county-we were working toward the south-and I noticed that the new man didn't take any part in it.

"'You've got to do your end of these mix ups,' I told him. 'When you hear the "Hey, Rube," hoot, it's a part of your business to grab the heaviest thing you can swing and rap the first duck that doesn't belong to the show with it. "Hey, Rube," means all hands around, and every man that draws wages from the show is expected to give a club swinging exhibition when that yell goes up.

"'I'm saving myself for a game that's coming later on,' the man told me with another of those flinty glares stealing into his eyes. 'The show's bound for Camargo, Mexico, isn't it?'

"I told him that Camargo, Mexico, was on the date book; that it was probably the last town the show would appear in before going into winter quarters.

". That's what I understood when I joined the show, and that's why I took the job,' said the man quietly. 'You just let me out of whatever scraps happen be-tween here and Camargo. When we get there I'll do what I can to keep my end

'Then the man opened up and told me

why he had it in for Camargo.
"'A greaser tried to pink me with knife in the back a couple of months ago over in Camargo, 'he said. 'Don't know why. Never saw the gopher before, 1 was too quick for him and planted a ball in his shoulder. Then about a hundred of his pals hopped me, and they came near kicking me inside out. That's what alled my head when I joined the show. they got through with me, the half lujun constables got hold of me and chained me to the floor of a dungeon. I was there for two weeks, on bread and water, when I got the steel out of one of my boots and sawed myself loose. I broke out of the dungeon and swam the Rio Grande to get on American soil. While I was chained one of the guards made it his business to come into my dungeon every day and punch my sore head. Oh, I'm going to have some trouble in Camargo all right.

That's what I joined the show for.' "Now, it was my business as one of the responsible men of the show to peach on this fellow and have him fired before the show struck Camargo, But I didn't. A lot of old pals of mine in the circus business had told me of the way they had got the worst of it on many occasions at the hands of the Mexican authorities, and as I had along with me in my gang about the toughest bunch of fifty and odd bad scrappers that ever hit up a dirt road and as, besides, I felt that this quiet tentman had a genuine grievance, I just chewed a straw and walked away.

"A huge crowd of half breeds turned out for the show in Camargo. There was but one performance, the night show, and the ranchers for about a hundred miles around had galloped in to take in the show. About three-quarters of the bunch of several thousand in the tent were gaudily bedeeked cow handlers. They all had knives in full sight, but no guns. Mexican cow punchers rarely pack guns. They don't fight on the level, and a knife isn't a level instrument to fight with.

"Before the flaps were pulled up for the crowd I noticed my quiet tentman getting a stack of wagon poles, nearly a hundred of them, piled together in a heap. I also noticed that none of the hands, either in my gang or in the other gangs-there were nearly 200 men all told connected with the show-were doing much talking. They seemed to be on edge for something that was going to happen.

"The last act of the 'concert' following the show was about over, and the greasers were leaving their seats, when my quiet tentman hopped on top of the pile of poles he had fixed and gave the 'Hey, Rube,' yelp—gave it like any bull of Bashan. He had put the whole gang of hands next, for they didn't waste a second in taking up the yelp all over the tent. Then they came a-rushing for the poles. Well, I thought I'd keep out of that one. I made for the shelter of a ticket wagon and saw it all from there. The quiet tentman served out all of his poles in less than two min-utes, and then the hands began to break. First the constables in their funny blue uniforms and bare feet-20 of 'em-were batted into unconsciousness in less time than I'm telling it. The quiet tentman looked like a devil up in the front of the scrapping. In a spirit of complete defi-ance he quickly dropped his pole and be-gan to use his fists. He was a six footer and built in proportion, and the way they went down was a caution. Finally his eye lit upon the prison guard who had beat him when he was chained, and, by a curious coincidence at the same moment, the greaser who had tried to stab him heaved in sight. The victim of Camargo dragged one to the other by the scruff of the neck, banged their heads together and then stabbed them both to the heart with one of the guard's knives. That was the last I ever saw of him, but he got away. We got across the Rio Grande in our barges just in time to see five troops o Mexican cavalry pull up on the banks of the Mexican side. The show would have been there yet if they'd been a bit earlier.' -Washington Star.

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Says be Then in his arms he held me tight While I smoothed his hair, so fine and white, And sang him a little lallaby song.

And he thought and thought and thought so

Till I patted his head And softly said,
"You musin't be lonestem, now we belong,"
And then a tear rolled down his nose. But grandpa and I are the dearest beans.

O'Neill Latham in Brooklyn Life.

SPRUCE GUM HUNTING.

The Adventurous Maine Woodsmen Who Carry It On.

Although chowing gum of various kinds -pepsin and special digestion alds-can be procured at every city corner from the penny slot machines, nothing has ever taken the place of the genuine spruce, and it still sells at a high price. It cannot be imitated, nor is there any counterfeit which is anything like it. Some of the druggists in eastern Maine have contracts for spruce gum aggregating thousands of dollars. Some of them have "staked" gum hunters and sent them into the woods, Most of the Malne gum finds its way to the city markets that demand for consumption the round, red lumps that gleam with inner fires like the bloodstone. This choice gum is readily sold by the Maine wholesalers at \$1.50 a pound.

Gum hunting has many elements like rubber cutting in the tropics, the men burying themselves in the wilds for The expenses of the hunter are months. almost nothing, and the receipts from his quest are likely to be in the nature of a small Klondike find. Some tobacco, a few bushels of beans, some coffee, flour and fat meat, with the game he kills, furnish him bodily fuel for the season, while he will frequently in a single day secure gum that will not him \$10 in the market. is independent, too, with his canoe, his nowshoes and his gun. His cance will be laid up during the winter, but when the rivers open he will bring down his win-He is not likely, however, to work any too industriously in gum hunting, but rather to make short days and fish and hunt the balance of the time. few days' hard work will furnish him a eozy shack in the deep forest near the bank of a stream, and with wood unlimited and a sharp ax he is not likely to suffer, and when a storm is on he does not leave his comfortable camp.

The solitude of the thing would drive many men mad, but the northern woodsman is different from most men. He carries a pack with him at all times, even when hunting, so that should he run across an old gum scar he can take advantage of it without making another When spring opens, he returns to civilization, tough, rugged and hard as seasoned oak, and he may have a pack of gum to the value of several hundred dollars; but long, long before the next season the money is all gone, and probably some one will have to "grub stake" him if he is to go for gum again. - New York Tribune.

The Canadian Porcupine,

Under any and all circumstances he is clumsy. Ungainliness with him seems to be a virtue. He can walk, even to galloping a bit in a painful, impotent endeavor to escape insults, but it is merely an effort to turn tail against his pursuer, and, this accomplished, he is content to hunch up and fall around and over himself and sigh and moan like a very Falstaff because he can get no farther. A northern porcupine never seems to have any faith in his outdoor surroundings. Catch one up a tree, and ten to one he begins to back down right into your arms if you dare to receive him in that fashion. And what a back down it is! Tail thrashing from side to side as if it would cast its owner loose; long claws deeply scratching the tree trunk; snorts and pauses and quill rais ings as one foot deviously follows the other, and as a grand finale a tumble of two or three feet to the ground, where he flounders about like a great ball of quills.

If you catch one on the ground and his den among the rocks be not near, he is sure to reverse proceedings and make for a tree, perhaps the very one he seemed so anxious to forsake when you chanced to find him in it. Cut him off, and, most likely, he will put his head down and, quills erect, charge for that special tree with fixed bayonets. It takes a sharp whack on the nose to turn him under such conditions. The groan which fol lows such a rebuff is pitiful in its buman like tone of helplessness. - Forest and

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