

BRYAN NOMINATED

For President by the Democratic Convention at Chicago.

SEWALL CHOSEN VICE PRESIDENT.

On the Fifth Ballot Illinois Went For Bryan.

WORK OF THE CONVENTION.

Bland Led on the First, But His Strength and the Strength of Others Dwindled Thereafter.

THRILLING SCENES IN CONVENTION.

A Summary of the Proceedings of the First Days.

The National Democratic Convention was called to order at noon Tuesday in the Coliseum at Chicago. John W. Daniel was elected temporary chairman over David B. Hill by a vote of 556 to 349, the silver man carrying out their determination to turn down the choice of the National Committee. After a long speech from the temporary chairman and the announcement of committees, the convention, at 4:30 p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The Committee on Permanent Organization selected Stephen M. White, of California, for permanent chairman. The gold men on the committee presented the name of Senator Hill. The vote in committee was White, 38; Hill, 6.

After a long and stormy session the Committee on Credentials decided to seat the four contesting silver delegates from Michigan, thus making the delegation solid for silver.

THIRD DAY.

Platform Discussed—The Minority Report on Coinage.

Thursday's session was consumed in discussion and adoption of the platform. At the evening session the nominations for the presidency were made.

After the platform was reported in the Democratic convention Thursday, Senator Hill, of New York, representing the minority gold plank men, submitted a report which contains a strong plank favorable to the existing standard. The use of the word "gold" in the plank is conspicuous. The text of the minority report follows:

"To the Democratic National Convention:—Sixteen delegates, constituting the minority of the committee on resolutions, find many declarations in the report of the majority to which they cannot give their assent. Some of these are wholly unnecessary. Some are ill-considered and ambiguously phrased, while others are extreme and revolutionary of the well recognized principles of the party.

"The minority content themselves with this general expression of their dissent without going into a specific statement of the objectionable features of the report of the majority. But upon the financial question which engages at this time the chief share of public attention, the views of the majority differ so fundamentally from what the minority regard as vital Democratic doctrine as to demand a distinct statement of what they hold to be the only just and true expression of public sentiment upon this paramount issue, as follows, which is offered as a substitute for the financial plank in the majority report: 'We declare our belief that the experiment on the part of the United



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, OF NEBRASKA. (Democratic Candidate for President.)

Mr. Hill said he did not desire a call of States upon his two financial amendments, but he did desire a vote by States on the resolution commending the administration. The second roll call was begun at 3:57. The result was: Yeas, 357; nays, 564; not voting and absent, 9. Total, 920.

NAMING THE CANDIDATES.

Bland, Boies, Blackburn, Bryan, Matthews and McLean Named.

The convention was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by its presiding officer, Senator White, of California, who immediately handed over the gavel to Congressman Richardson, of Tennessee, who acted as president pro tem, this evening as well as during the morning session.

The chairman informed the convention that the roll of States would now be called so that nomination of candidates for the Presidency could be made. By an agreement entered into by the friends of the candidates, the nominating and seconding speeches would be confined to 30 minutes in length, which time might be used either when the nominations were made, or when the State of the speaker was called.

Senator vest of Missouri nominated Richard J. White, of Texas, seconded the nomination of Bland, saying that he united the highest qualities of patriotism and honesty, and that his nomination would proclaim to the millions who owe allegiance to Democracy that the public good is again to be excited above private greed.

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Committee, mounted his chair and placed in nomination ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison, of Wisconsin, of the District of Columbia, seconded the nomination of John R. McLean, of Ohio.

Delegate Miller, of Oregon, added to the list of nominations the name of Sylvester Penney, of Oregon. The names of Bland, Bryan, Boies, Blackburn, Matthews, McLean, Pattison and Penney were before the convention.

The first ballot resulted: Bland 223, Boies 36, Matthews 27, McLean 54, Bryan 105, Blackburn 37, Penney 10, Tilden 17, Teller 8, Hill 1, Russell 2, Stevenson 12, Pattison 95; absent and not voting, 185.

The result of the second ballot was as follows: Bland, 291; Bryan, 197; Pattison, 100; McLean, 53; Blackburn, 41; Matthews, 44; Boies, 37; Teller, 1; Penney, 8; Hill, 1; Stevenson, 10; absent and not voting, 160. Grand total, 930.

The result of the third ballot: Bland, 291; Bryan, 219; Boies 36; Matthews, 34; McLean, 54; Blackburn 37; Penney, 97; Stevenson, 9; Hill, 1; not voting, 162.

Fourth ballot—Absent or not voting, 162; Bland, 221; Boies, 33; Matthews, 36; McLean, 46; Bryan, 250. Cheers greeted announcement of votes for Bryan. Attempt to stampede the speaker being made.

The fifth call was begun, and Foots of California declared, "California for the first time is solid and casts 18 votes for Bryan." Florida carried 8 votes to Bryan; from Matthews and Boies.

Kentucky being reached, Ollie James leaped up and shouted: "While Kentucky loves her great Democrat and would be glad to vote for him, they seem not to want him because he was a Confederate soldier. Therefore Kentucky casts her 28 votes for the world's greatest orator, William J. Bryan."

At this point the Illinois delegates fled back into the hall, their appearance striking a commotion.

"North Carolina cast 22 votes for the sure nominee of this convention, William J. Bryan," was the announcement of that State.

The Ohio men marched back and were again recorded for McLean, their conference having produced no change. The 24 votes cast for this convention, William J. Bryan, almost immediately followed her with the same number, both of them deserting Silver Dollar Bland. Three territories, Arizona, New Mexico and Indian territory, marched after them from the Bland standard to Bryan, each with 6 strong.

The enthusiasm was aroused again when big Buck Henrichson called out the 48 votes of Illinois for Bryan, the most important desertion from Bland. The nomination of Bryan seemed imminent. There were cries, "Ohio on it!" and "John R. McLean!" appeared in a chair, holding a cane aloft, while under him the other leaders seemed to be squabbling.

"Ohio withdraws the name of McLean," called that gentleman, "and casts 46 votes for Bryan."

His voice failed to carry many feet, so that the dramatic stroke was lost upon the galleries. There was a commotion aloft in the Texas ranks, next door to the Ohio. Bryan called Senator McLean into Bryan's camp and the Bryan vote took on tidal force, and he scored 280 to 241 for Bland. The fifth and closing ballot witnessed the stampede of the convention to the young Nebraska.

The usual scenes of the crisis of presidential balloting in national convention followed, the uproar lasting a quarter of an hour. The Bryan vote was irresistible. Bland and Boies were withdrawn, and state after state was swept into line. When Indiana was called Senator Morgan withdrew the name of Governor Matthews and moved the unanimous nomination of William J. Bryan. This was carried with a hurrah, the non-voting gold delegates not appearing to make any protest. Then there was another great demonstration.

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