

## WORK OF COMMITTEE

Sound Money Men Seated from Michigan and Nebraska.

### CONTESTS SPEEDILY DISPOSED OF

Senator Hill Received Five More Votes Than Daniel for Temporary Chairman—Only One Exciting Incident During the Session.

Chicago, July 7.—The national committee transacted its business at a single session yesterday afternoon, disposing of all the contests for seats and voting 27 to 23 to report the name of senator David B. Hill of New York for temporary chairman of the National convention. This was the test vote of the committee, showing the relative gold and silver strength of the organization. The silver showing was made by the presence of several proxies for members of the committee who would have voted for Hill had they been present. There were also one or two members of the committee who, within the past few days, had announced the transfer of their allegiance from gold to silver. After the roll call was completed, Secretary Sheering stated that the Clark contestants from Texas, known as gold men, had withdrawn from the further contest for seats in the convention. The withdrawal was accompanied by a statement of the reasons which impelled them to enter upon the contest and now to voluntarily abandon it. This statement was read by the secretary and made a part of the records of the committee. Senator Jones of Arkansas, representing the "steering" committee of the Bimetallist league, was given an opportunity to address the committee. He stated that the silver men had no candidate to present for temporary chairman. The selection of anyone who was in accord with the idea of the silver men would be acceptable to them, and he urged, in the interest of harmony, that the majority of the convention be not antagonized in the choice. He was heard with respectful attention, but no answer was given him and he withdrew.

### Gold Delegates Seated.

The committee decided to proceed with the consideration and settlement of the contested cases first, and that from Nevada was settled in favor of Gen. Keating and his associates, silver men, without a vote. In the cases over which a contest was made, fifteen minutes was given to each side for argument. The first case of that kind called was that of John P. Frenzel, gold, against Charles M. Cooper, silver, from the Seventh (Indianapolis) district of Indiana. Cooper had been recognized by the state convention of Indiana, and he was placed on the temporary roll. A contest brought by the silver men for three districts in Michigan was argued for the contesting gold man by Elliott C. Stevenson, chairman of the gold delegation, and for the silver men by Daniel J. Campau, the Michigan member of the national committee. The gold men were placed on the temporary roll, Mr. Campau's being the only vote cast for the contestants. D. J. Maheny spoke for the contesting gold delegates from Nebraska, headed by Tobias Castor, and he warned the democratic party, through the national committee, of the danger there was before it of defeat at the polls should it nominate a populist rather than a democrat. C. J. Smythe replied for the Bryan silver delegation, and by the first test vote of the afternoon—27 to 23—it was decided to place the Castor delegation on the temporary roll. In the Ohio contest in the eighteenth district the silver men were sustained by a vote of 24 to 17. The last contest, that from South Dakota, resulted in the seating of the gold delegates.

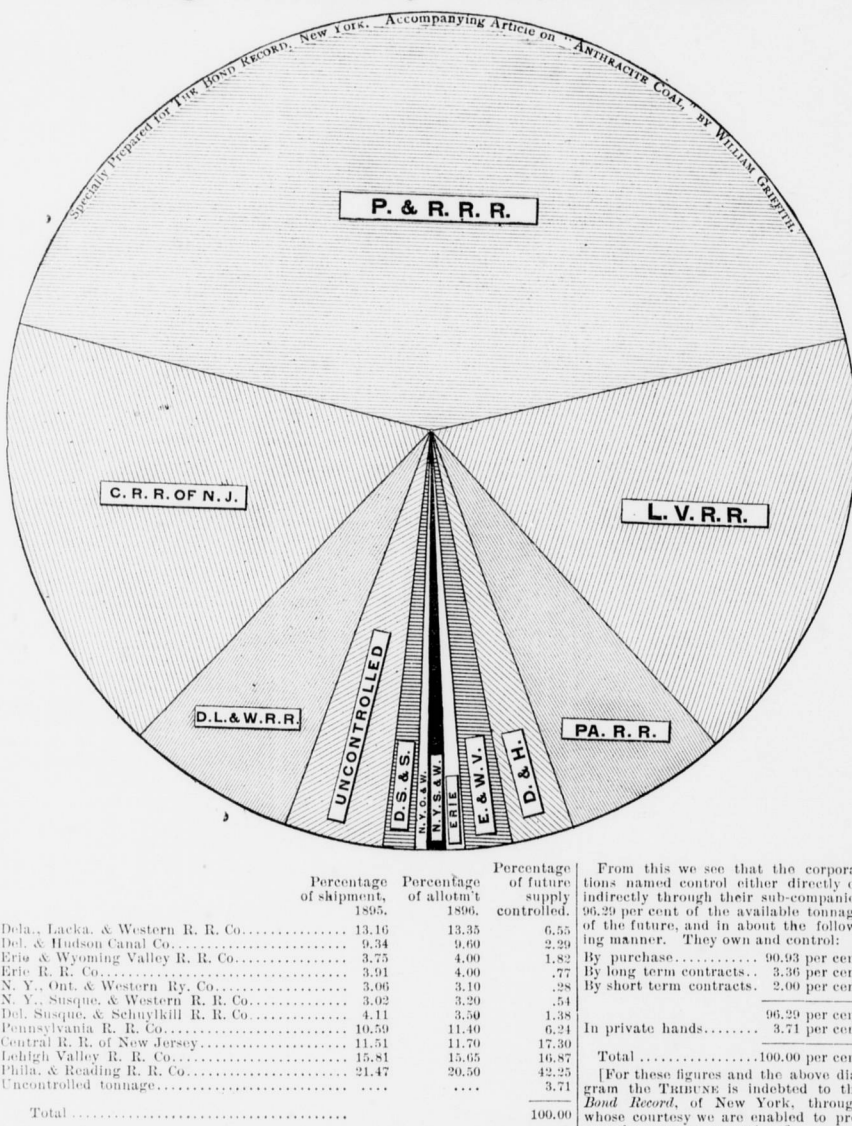
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The committee then decided to recommend a temporary chairman of the convention, and Mr. Clayton, the delegate from Alabama, nominated for that position senator John W. Daniel of Virginia. He spoke briefly in support of his nomination, urging the committee to recognize the overwhelming majority in favor of free silver that was known to exist among the delegates to the convention, and at the close of his remarks he was loudly applauded. Ex-Lieut. Gov. Sheehan of New York presented the name of Senator David B. Hill of that state, setting forth his capabilities as a presiding officer and his merits as a democrat. No other candidates being named, the committee proceeded to ballot and Mr. Hill was chosen by a vote of twenty-seven to twenty-three. Mr. Hill received the votes of the following states and territories: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Alaska.

### The Only Exciting Incident.

After the result of the vote had been announced the only exciting incident of the afternoon occurred. Mr. Thomas of Colorado rose and stated that he had been assigned to the unpleasant task of notifying the committee in case the senator from New York was selected as the choice of the majority, that a minority report would be made and the name of the Hon. John W. Daniel of Virginia would be presented to the convention as a substitute. Mr. Thomas said: "The views of the senator from New York on the currency question are at variance with those of a majority of the delegates to the convention. He stands as the representative of the eastern gold men. We have been informed by the press that these

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### CONVENTION CONVENE AT NOON

Prayer About the Only Matter Over Which There Will Be No Contest—Temporary Chairmanship the Opening Bout.

Chicago, July 7.—Delegates and other democratic politicians were astray early this morning and the greatest excitement and interest was manifested on all sides as every indication at this hour points to the most stormy scenes after the convention is called to order at noon to-day. The first fight between the silver and sound money forces will occur on the question of the temporary organization of the convention. According to present appearances the prayer will be about the only part of the preliminary proceedings which is likely to pass unchallenged. It is no previous great national convention has the recommendation of the duly chosen national committee in regard to a temporary presiding officer been antagonized by a minority report, and a demand for a vote, but the present gathering is an exceptional one and it is very likely to break in upon precedents in more respects than one. By a vote of 27 to 23 the majority of the national committee decided to recommend senator David B. Hill as temporary chairman of the convention. C. S. Thomas of Colorado gave notice that a minority report would be presented recommending the selection of senator John W. Daniel of Virginia, and that the convention would be asked to make a choice between the two nominations. It is a curious fact that at the last democratic convention held in this same city, during that memorable all-night session which resulted in the nomination of Grover Cleveland, Senator Daniel, with dauntless courage, faced for over an hour a hostile, howling audience, as the special champion of Senator Hill, the man to whom, by the irony of politics, he is now antagonized.

### Beginning of the Fight.

From indications just before the hour for calling the convention to order, the proceedings will be as follows: When Chairman Harritt calls the convention to order as the representative of the national committee, and recommends the selection of Senator Hill as temporary chairman, a minority member of the national committee will offer a substitute, naming Senator Daniel.

Under all forms of parliamentary law a substitute must first be voted upon, and the only open question in this case seems to be whether or not Mr. Harritt will recognize one of his silver associates for the purpose of offering this substitute, the convention not having been organized and no roll call of the delegates having been passed upon.

The silver men claim that the chairman's act in recommending a temporary chairman for the approval of the convention is an admission that the convention is qualified to act upon it. If this be true in one case, they assert that it must be so in the case of the substitute. Should Mr. Harritt refuse to put the motion for the adoption of the substitute, some silver member of the national committee on the platform will put the question himself, and the first skirmish between the gold and silver factions will be precipitated.

### Bitter Feeling Prevails.

"I know very little about the parliamentary status of this matter," said Senator Tillman this morning. "But I do claim to be possessed of a little common sense. I know that Senator Daniel will be the temporary chairman of this convention, and that he will make the speech. If the gold men think that their 300 votes form the majority of this convention, just let them try it. The silver men are running this convention, and they propose to run it after their own fashion. If the gold men don't like it, let them bolt. I hope they will." Yesterday a conservative spirit seemed to pervade the more radical silver men, and the desire was expressed to avoid, if possible, a clash in the convention.

The conclusion of the committee to recommend the selection of Senator Hill as temporary chairman caused a sudden drop in this conservatism, and to-day the feeling between the two factions of the party seems to be more bitter than before.

### Bland Shouters the Loudest.

As to the probable choice of a presidential candidate to represent the free coinage platform the past twelve hours have brought no marked change in the situation. Mr. Bland's friends are doing most of the claiming and shouting. Efforts to get the silver men to caucus on the nominations in advance of the meeting of the convention met with failure, some of the prominent silver leaders declaring their fears that the result of such a caucus would be to create dissensions in their ranks and aid the "gold bugs" in their efforts to disorganize them.

The California delegation appears to be determined to present to the convention the name of Senator White of that state despite the protests of the senator that he is not a candidate and does not desire his name to be considered.

At the meeting of the delegation last evening the matter was discussed, several delegates stating that they believed the time would come in the contest when the convention would turn upon whom the contending delegations could unite. For this reason they proposed to keep him as their candidate. Senator White, who was present, entered an emphatic protest, and if his wishes are respected the delegates will go elsewhere for their candidate.

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borough school district for the year ending June 1896.

Hugh Malloy, collector.  
Dr.  
To amount of duplicate.....\$4,847 67  
Cr.

By retentions to taxpayers..... 92 11  
Returned to county com. .... 96 88  
Abatement by county com. .... 25 74  
Excursions ..... 245 12  
Collector's commission ..... 129 52  
Paid J. J. Welsh, treasurer..... 4,229 20  
.....\$4847 67

J. J. Welsh, treasurer,  
in account with Freeland borough school dist.  
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Received for teaching purposes—  
Received from Thos. Brown, ex-tax collector.....\$ 121 72  
From Frank Fairchild, ex-col. .... 43 00  
" B. F. Rate, ex-treasurer. .... 751 96  
" pupils residing outside of borough ..... 28 75  
From county commissioners..... 71 62  
" state appropriation..... 1,719 23  
" Hugh Malloy, collector..... 2,114 15  
.....4,500 53

Received for building purposes—  
Hugh Malloy, collector..... 2,114 15  
Markle Bank & Trust Co., loan 3,000 00  
.....5,114 15  
.....\$10,014 68