

# TELEGRAPHIC. THE CONVENTIONS.

Populist Minutiae Thomas E. Watson for Vice President.

## DARKNESS AND PANDEMICS.

The Silver Side Nominees Bryan — Newell — the Nation.

Mr. Loring, Minn., July 24.—Not more than half the delegates to the Populist convention were in their seats at 10 o'clock this morning when the massive form of Senator Allen, permanent chairman, appeared on the platform.

Capt. A. A. Lyford of Hopkins, N.Y., and Mrs. Pennington, the "cousin" of Assessors, informed that the ballroom in the costume of Uncle Tom and Columbia.

John S. Davis of California created a sensation by declaring the rules of the Omaha platform, prohibiting Federal officers taking part in the selection of a Populist convention, should be enforced.

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Delegates of Illinois promptly moved to lay the majority report on the table. Congressmen Howard and Harry Gilbreath of Texas demanded a vote.

The vote was taken by states on the adoption of the majority report recommending the nomination of Mr. Watson, whom he declared was the man of the middle of the day.

Alabama and Texas attempted to strike the name of Tennessee which had cast 22 votes for the majority report, but the chair ruled this out of order. The announcement of the vote, 78 to 61, in favor of the minority report, was the signal for an enthusiastic demonstration.

John Walker, chairman of the committee on resolutions, at 10:30 was recognized to read the platform as agreed upon by the committee. When the time came, he was not present in the gallery above.

At the conclusion of the reading of the majority report J. H. Cassay was recognized to read a minority report recommending the issuance of a proclamation of neutrality. Henry T. Tamm was then introduced to read his minority report. It was objected to the minority report because it was too proslavery to be near, even in the Democratic convention.

The reading had not proceeded very far when someone moved to enter the report to the committee on resolutions, which motion prevailed amid considerable opposition.

Henry T. Tamm then moved to proceed to the election of a candidate for Vice President. The chair said the

motion was unnecessary, as that was the business of order. The states were invited to nominate. When Alabama was called, Capt. P. G. Hawman, chairman of the visitors' and places to consider the platform, told the chair, "I do not believe he entered over his speech, however, the convention adjourned to take a recess of an hour and a half until 8 o'clock."

## Evening Session.

At 2:30 the convention reopened and Chairman Alonzo introduced Judge Jefferson Palmer of Missouri, who read the platform of the silver convention, and then the visitors' and places to consider the platform, told the chair, "I do not believe he entered over his speech, however, the convention adjourned to take a recess of an hour and a half until 8 o'clock."

The reading was repeatedly interrupted by delegations from various parts of the hall, who raised the point of order that the regular order was unconstitutional. Vice President Allen then ruled that these points of order. Many of the points of the silver party's platform were unconstitutional, asserted, but when the action of the silver convention was justified, the chair said the motion was justified by the middle of the day.

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Delegates of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Michigan, who had been straggling out, Capt. Hawman, who had been taken off the floor by the adjournment of the convention this afternoon, for the session opened in the afternoon, then stepped up a lively clip. A few words were sufficient to the platform and the delegations crowded around, pointing and waving.

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