

CHAIRMAN BELL CALLS ON BRYAN

Purpose of Visit Was to Discuss
Matters Relating to the
Platform

MAY NOT OPEN CONVENTION

Great Rain Storm Has Badly Disorganized Train Service

Possible Result is That the Temporary Chairman May Not Call Den-

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., July 6.—Theodore A. Bell of California, who will be temporary chairman of the Democratic convention and whose reported sensational acceptance by the National Committeeman Nathan Cole of California, on the train yesterday, has created much interest, arrived here to confer with W. J. Bryan this afternoon.

Almost coincident with Mr. Bell's arrival communication between Fairview and Lincoln which has been interrupted all morning, was restored. Mr. Bell called Mr. Bryan up by telephone and immediately thereafter started for Fairview. There is great apprehension that Mr. Bell may be unable to get to Denver in time to open the convention at noon tomorrow. Telephone reports received at Fairview are to the effect

Mr. Bryan at 1:30 was assured that the Missouri Pacific expected to dispatch a train for Chicago at 2:15.

catch a train for Omaha from the Twenty-seventh street station and he arranged for Mr. Bell to take the train. It is scheduled to leave here at 2:30 and if not stalled will reach Omaha at 5:30 p. m. This would enable Mr. Bell to catch a regular train to Denver as the Union Pacific line is officially reported clear.

BRYAN HAS DOUBTS.

Mr. Bryan thereupon hurried to his telephone, making every effort possible to find some means of escape.

The purpose of Mr. Bell's visit here it was authoritatively stated, was to have discussed with Mr. Bryan some

of the questions likely to be asked by the platform. He was closeted with the candidate for 15 minutes on

the candidate to spend the time to consider the vital matters connected with the Bell speech as temporary chairman. The Cole-Bell incident on the train yesterday was touched upon sufficiently to show that Bryan had reports of its importance had been exaggerated. Mr. Bryan declined to discuss it with the newspaper men.

TRYING TO RESCUE BELL.

Lincoln, Neb., July 6.—The Union Pacific train which was to have carried Temporary Chairman Theodore A. Bell to Fremont, where he was to have taken the noon train to Denver, has been annulled because of high water. Every effort is now being made to get the temporary chairman to Omaha yesterday via the Burlington.

U. P. CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

Omaha, July 6.—The Union Pacific can do nothing towards getting Theo-

outs were reported on the Lincoln branch, and no trains can possibly pass over the line today.

BELL ARRANGES FOR A SPECIAL TRAIN

Lincoln, July 6.—Temporary Chairman Theodore Bell, who spent a few hours with Mr. Bryan today and feared he would be unable to get out of the city because of the flooded condition in the vicinity of Lincoln, arranged for a special train to take him to Omaha from Waverley, 10 miles north of this city. Mr. Bell hired a livery wagon to take him to Waverley. He left Lincoln

reach Omaha in time to catch a train on the Union Pacific at 4:35 which will

DISASTROUS FIRE

IN PORT AU PRINCE

trous fire which was started in the vicinity of the school and county build-

clivity of the palace and senate buildings here yesterday and was believed to have been controlled after 400 buildings were destroyed, broke out again

during the night and caused further extensive damage. The renewal of the conflagration was caused by an explosion in the arsenal, which shook the whole town, damaged many buildings,

Before the flames started by this explosion were subdued, 49 more buildings had been destroyed.

The chamber of deputies and the large establishment in the congregation of St. Louis were menaced for a time, by the flames, but they were saved without damage.

KILLED ON THE FOURTH.

From His Horse at Pocatello.

(Special to the "News.")
Pocatello, Ida., July 3.—Charles Munn, a cowboy, a resident of this city,

lost his life in the Fourth of July celebration here last Saturday by being thrown off a horse while passing by the Carnegie library. The deceased was buried this afternoon. The obsequies

Fred Wiedeman, the shoe merchant, was run over Saturday while attempting to stop a runaway ice wagon and

team belonging to Smith Bros. His left leg was badly crushed and will yet have to be amputated, though this point is not definitely decided upon.