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GEO. Q. CANNON NOMINATED.

Ten Republicans and Three Democrats Vote for Him Today.

MORE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW.

A Day of Excitement and Speech-Making—Men be a Talk of Treason—Another Session Will be Held Tonight.

The latest sensation in the joint assembly was the nomination of Geo. Q. Cannon for the office of United States senator. Two of the McCune men, Heber Bennion and Mr. Cummings, made speeches and also voted for Mr. Cannon. Reid and ten Republicans followed their lead, giving the new candidate a total of thirteen. A good deal of excitement prevailed, and many speeches were made.

THE BALLOT.

The 142th ballot was as follows:

F. J. Cannon, 9; King, 12; McCune, 22; Rutherland, 3; Geo. Q. Cannon, 13.

For F. J. Cannon—Senators Kiesel and Sheridan, Representatives Brown, Hall, W. J. Harris, Ivers, Johnson, Law, Smith and Taylor—9.

For King—Senators Bennion, Nebeker, Hildreat and Mr. President; Representatives Betts, Cook, Fisher, Gresley, Jackson, Langton, Larson, Stewart and Wheeler—12.

For McCune—Senators Cannon, Chambers, Evans, Foster, Robison, Rouse, Tanner, Thomas, Whitney, Wright; Representatives Bywater, Cade, Farr, Fullmer, Howard, Hussey, Lloyd, Mansfield, McQuarrie, O'Neil, Parry, Robertson, Shepard, Mr. Speaker—23.

For Sutherland—Senators Alder and Howell, and Representatives Holmgren—3.

For Geo. Q. Cannon—Representatives Bennion, Callister, Christiansen, Crosby, Cummings, Harris, C. S. Miller, Murdock, Richards, Robinson, Reid, Sorenson and Welch—13.

The joint session convened at noon. As soon as the balloting began and Senator Robison's name was called, he arose to speak.

ROBISON WARNS DEMOCRATS.

Senator Robison said: "I rise with deep sorrow, that it should be the cause of sorrow, that it whether the free silver Democrats are to be influenced by Republicans into electing a gold-standard Republican, through the aid of nationalistic influence. I hope my political views are eclipsed, but if they are not eclipsed and I see clearly, this is the issue now before us. If we take the course, we will meet the consequences in sorrow and tears. I regret that it becomes necessary for me to call in question the Church of which I am a member, in which I stand, and in which I believe before God and my life. I hope to end the few remaining years of my life. I blame the men who have spoken and the leaders of the Church through years of tribulation; but, sir, I would hate to see again the result I see coming if we Democratic voters, through sectarianism influence, the election of a gold Republican to the Senate of the United States.

The way the Mormons vote so goes the intermountain country. Long ago Senator Edmunds declared that the vote of the Mormons would dictate the election of the Vice President of the United States. The golden aristocracy know they have the cast. They are now trying to get the west. Here in Utah we Mormons are in a majority in the surrounding States we are in a minority. But the tide of emigration is coming westward; we shall be outnumbered. It would be foolish to be untrue to our political friends. And the great question is, Will we as Democrats forsake our party? If we do, who will take care of the Democratic party? We cannot do it. This is the question whether the people I am one of shall wager the great west? If we do, the people of the great west will say we are unworthy of confidence. We have been efforts to disfranchise my people in the past.

Shall we be the upstart of Utah and of the dominant Church if Democrats are not true? Can we afford to elect a gold-standard Republican? That will be the pride and glory of the world. More than any other the nation guarantees to its people all civil and religious rights and liberties. I desire to state my conviction before the final vote is cast, and if the election of a gold-standard Republican is accomplished by Democratic votes, I am ashamed of my people, of it, and cast my vote again for the Hon. A. W. McCune. (Applause.)

SHURTLIFF FOR SILVER.

Senator Shurtliff said: I cast my vote for a man who has done as much as any man in Utah for the cause of bimetallism—the Hon. Frank J. Cannon.

Representative Bennion—I am not orator. Sighing, I believe, is considered my forte. It happens that I stand on the same spot or plank of the floor occupied by Representative Law, whom he spoke so eloquently of. I trust you will be alarmed at this, as it was not premeditated. I would have preferred to be on the right hand of the chairman, as the sheep are sinners on the right and the goats on the left. I have been placed between the Republicans and the Democrats.

Between these two repellant forces I am crowded back somewhat. The mule is a pretty good animal, it is said, and it is better to lead a mule than to drive him. I made some propositions to Mr. Johnson this morning, hoping to lead him. He didn't say whether he would follow me or not, but I am going to give him a trial. What I am going to say will, I do doubt, be a shock. Church influence proposition; but that cuts no figure with me. I contended for politics versus taxation, when I looked a majority of my constituents in this county were opposed to it. I also voted for local option, realizing that the majority of my constituents were against it. But my conscience, my Church influence, told me that my position was right. And at one time I don't care whether I am crucified or not. I shall be called a coward; but though I may have many weaknesses, I am no coward. I was accused of being under Church influence in voting for A. W. McCune; but after the muddle we have got into, I think it is the safest to brush it all aside and get out of the mess. I have not said that I would never change. I make no such pledge, as I wish to be free in all things. A good deal of talk has been indulged in about a certain well-known gentleman, all know who is being referred to. The remarks of my brother Robison sure he well meant but I know they are mistaken, for I had a personal interview with this gentleman. That has been a popular Legislature. I have voted long and worked hard for the man of my choice until at last I feel that we have reached a crisis, something heroic has got to be done or we shall have no session. I shall vote for a man now who in our judgment, He says he believes in the representation of silver, was in Congress when silver demonetized. He thought it would be a great wrong to demonetize silver at that time. Senator Robison represents the interest of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 if he can get it, if he cannot get that he will take what he can get. I asked him if he would not stand at least as a protectionist Democrat.

No, he said, he would not do it. He might do anything his conscience would not approve. He declared that he was as good a Democrat as Sam Randall, the Democrat of the House. He felt that he was out of place when the tariff was made the sole issue by the Democratic leaders of the House. He then more consistent for him to stand as a Republican when that was the issue, "On other great principles he has not changed.

The tariff is not now the issue. Taxes must be raised and Democrats must be willing to raise the tax bicker, if necessary to supply revenue for war purposes. This Legislature has been accused of doing injury to the Democracy of Utah. He denies that he has done injury to the Democracy except in one instance. That was when the people divided on party lines. All of the people were have been Democrats. That was the danger. All the "Mormon" people would have gone Democratic, and there would have been simply a continuation of the former "Mormon" Gentile antagonisms. He admits and is proud of it as a statesman that he did use his influence with men to persuade them that they did not have to be Democrats; that it was to sin for them to be Republicans. He simply held aside partisanship and put on the robe of statesmanship. He labored to get the parties equally divided that we might have peace.

I have known Geo. Q. Cannon for years (light applause) he is a whole man and no dark horse. Two years ago during the Thatcher and Hawkins fight I wrote a letter to him asking him not to let his name go into the contest. He answered saying that he would not; he knew that would. If this would bring on that old bitter warfare, he would not permit his name to be sprung at this time. If he was Congress he will not be known as a partisan, but will serve the interests of all the people. His election would not injuriously affect the seating of Roberts. I don't believe there is a Republican Senator whom would do so much towards securing the retention of Roberts as would his. He has lived the law and should be honored. It would be foolish to be untrue to our political friends. And the great question is, Will we as Democrats forsake our party? If we do, who will take care of the Democratic party? We cannot do it. This is the question whether the people I am one of shall wager the great west? If we do, the people of the great west will say we are unworthy of confidence. We have been efforts to disfranchise my people in the past.

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