

The committee met at 4 o'clock, but adjourned immediately, and at 8 o'clock reassembled, but up to 10 o'clock the first contest had not yet been taken up and nothing had been accomplished. The probabilities are that with the possible exception of one or two the decision of the national committee in contest will be affirmed by the committee on credentials. The committee adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 7.—At a late hour tonight was developed a significant change in the Presidential situation. The Blaine people have demonstrated that they control all of the most important committees of the convention, particularly the committee on rules and credentials. The last named having jurisdiction over the numerous contests is of importance which can hardly be over-estimated.

MCKINLEY FOR CHAIRMAN.

Governor McKinley was elected chairman of the permanent organization this evening. It was a cut and dried affair, none of the members caring to bring out a candidate against the tariff expert. The selection is due to the fact that he is conceded to be eminently fair, and while favoring the renomination of Harrison the anti-administration forces did not object.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 8.—[Special to the DESERET NEWS.] The committee on credentials did nothing in the Utah case last night. The entire evening was spent in a vain attempt to decide on a method of hearing the contests. The Harrison men are striving to get sub-committees appointed, so as to facilitate business, but the Blaine men, who are in the majority, object to giving Chairman Cogswell, who is a Harrisonian, the power to appoint sub-committees, believing that he would make them a majority of Harrison sympathizers, and thus practically settle the contest unfavorably to the Blaine men. The contest will therefore probably be heard before the full committee.

THE ALABAMA CASE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 8.—[Special to the DESERET NEWS.]—The committee on credentials has been in session since 9:30. They are examining the Alabama contest and will take up the remainder alphabetically, Utah being the sixth. Arthur Brown and Judge Bennett are standing at the door like sentinels, good natured, but determined. The Straights regard the fact that the hearing is before the whole committee, instead of before a sub-committee as favorable to their cause, their only fear now is of being engulfed in the whirlpool of politics and not having the Utah question decided on its separate merits. It is now convention hour, 11 a.m., and the committee is still in session on the Alabama case.

THE UTAH CASE MAY NOT BE REACHED TODAY.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 8.—The committee on credentials have taken a recess for one hour. The entire morning was consumed in hearing the Alabama contest. All questions before the committee are being decided on Blaine-Harrison lines, the Blaine men being from 4 to 8 in the majority in every instance. Thus far the decisions of the national

committee have been sustained. The Straights are confident that the committee will report in their favor, but they are trying to forestall any minority report against them. Neither side of the Utah contestants have made any overtures for compromise. Both sides are preparing for complete recognition or nothing. Salisbury says the Utah case may not be reached today.

A VOTE IN THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 8.—A vote was taken at the meeting of the committee on credentials today which probably inaugurates the great strength of the Harrison men in that committee. It was on a motion to report the uncontested delegations and resulted in 26 to 62.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 8.—The convention was called to order at 11:45. Nebraska presented the convention with a gavel.

General Fairchild of Wisconsin, upon whom the fate of the free silver men in the platform committee seems to depend, was the object of general attention. He declared to a friend that he is with the silver men, all talk to the contrary notwithstanding; "But," he added, smiling: "I am with the other fellows, too. We are all for good men," he continued more seriously, "and you will find the difficulties will be solved in time and the financial plank be what it should be. As yet, we have taken no action whatever and will not till the convention adjourns in the afternoon, and possibly not then."

MCKINLEY TAKES THE CHAIR.

The chairman of the committee on permanent organization announced that McKinley was selected for permanent chairman. McKinley was conducted to the chair amid a storm of applause and cheers.

McKinley delivered a raging speech and was followed by Fred Douglas.

Chairman Foraker, of the committee on resolutions, asked and was granted further time.

The roll of States for nomination of national committeeman was called.

The report of the committee on rules, making the rules of the Fifty-first Congress the rules of the convention, was adopted.

A number of memorials and resolutions were presented and referred.

Senator Cullom rose and was greeted by loud applause on the supposition that the distinguished Illinoisian had risen to place some one in nomination. Cullom said, however, that he rose merely to question the regularity of the proceeding to nominating speeches before the adoption of the reports of the committee on credentials and resolutions.

A glance at the rules showed that the nomination could not be made until the reports of the committees had been read.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 8.—The white wings of harmony which fluttered over the convention today were put to flight in a tumultuous scene of disorder at the West Hotel tonight. Late this afternoon it was announced by the younger men that there would be a big parade with Blaine banners and other insignia of the Plumed Knight headed by bands of various cities. The Harrison people heard of the programme and although the managers did not advise a counter-demonstration

the younger element determined that the President and his cause should not be entirely lost from sight in the hilarious Blaine demonstration. Both factions turned out and marched through the streets and finally both headed for the hotel. There they met and marched around in circles to the tune of discordant yells and rival shouts for Blaine and Harrison. At the head of the Blaine column was a banner carried by an Indiana man bearing the inscription, "If Blaine is nominated he will carry Indiana by 10,000." Another Blaine man carried a similar banner bearing a still more irritating inscription, "If Harrison is nominated he will lose Indiana by 20,000."

The banners excited the ire and fury of the young Harrison men of Indiana and a rush was made. Before the Blaine people had an opportunity to defend their colors the two banners were torn down and pulled to pieces. Instantly the Blaine people retaliated by an onslaught on the Harrison forces and their banners bearing the portraits of the President and inscriptions of political grandeur were also pulled down and torn to pieces and trampled under foot. This, of course, provoked bad feeling and for a time it seemed as if there would be a general fight. There was considerable scuffling and men jostled against the marble walls, and there were two or three fist encounters of short duration, but the riot which for a time was threatened was happily averted. For two hours the hot-headed rival factions thronged the hotel rotunda and made it impossible for guests to pass, but shortly after 10 o'clock they dispersed without personal damage to anybody, but after having created a great deal of serious discord in the ranks of the Republican party, particularly of the rival factions of the Hoosier State.

HARRISON'S NOMINATION.

Harrison will be placed in nomination by the venerable ex-secretary of the navy, Richard W. Thompson of Indiana, and the nomination will be seconded by the Hon Chauncey M. Depew of New York.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

always a strong Blaine State, is sorely disappointing to the friends of the Plumed Knight today. The Harrison managers started out by actually claiming a majority of the delegation, and for a time it seemed as if their claims might be well founded. A reaction occurred this morning, when National Committeeman DeYoung, also a member of the delegation, received a telegram advising him that the State central committee had passed a resolution declaring it to be the overwhelming sentiment of the people of the State that Blaine should be selected as the standard bearer. The result of the telegram was a call for a meeting of the delegation this afternoon. Great interest was manifested in the outcome, but no very substantial results were realized.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 9.—The day opened bright and it was very warm as the morning hours grew on. People assembling brought fans and the great audience room became a sea of waving palm leaves. As heretofore the leaders were cheered on their appearance and, finally, it became a rivalry between the Blaine and Harrison factions as to