

position. Senator Hill of New York, with the seventy-two votes of New York behind him, and Governor Boies of Iowa, secure in the fealty of twenty-six devoted supporters, are still indomitable factors in the presidential conflict.

#### A TAMMANY NOTICE.

Tammany tonight issued the following official notice:

"Rooms of the New York State delegation, Chicago.—In reply to inquiries addressed to us by delegates from States instructed to vote for Grover Cleveland, the delegates from New York with a deep sense of responsibility to the Democracy of the United States are constrained to make the answer that in our best judgment Cleveland's nomination would imperil the success of the party and would expose it to the loss of the electoral vote of the State."

It is true that there are many rumors that Tammany is exerting seductive wiles on the favorite sons of other States to hold secure their wavering forces in the hope that Tammany will at last come West with seventy-two votes for Palmer, Morrison, Carlisle or Gray. But the Tammany leaders still outwardly profess allegiance to the cause of Hill, and the gradual conviction is forcing itself upon every mind that the nomination of Cleveland will meet an eloquent protest from New York.

NEW YORK, June 20.—The *World* will say editorially tomorrow: "The New York delegation to Chicago tied itself with a resolution to support Senator Hill as long as he should be a candidate, but is simply holding the delegation together as a means of beating Cleveland. The defeat of Cleveland has long been seen to be wholly improbable. It is now known to be wholly impossible. Why should the New York delegation lend itself to any effort to thwart the wish of the Democracy of the nation to defeat the one New Yorker who can be nominated? This is not Democratic; it is not good politics. The claim that Cleveland cannot carry New York is ill-founded. He can carry it if any Democrat can."

CHICAGO, June 21.—The opening of convention day finds the clouds of political dissension clearing away. It does not require the divine gift of prophecy to predict the nomination of Grover Cleveland on the first ballot. Indeed, this result is conceded, even by the friends of Hill and Boies, the only other candidates now in the field, though every indication is that they will go down to defeat with their colors flying, and the solid support of their respective States behind them.

The official announcement of Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana that they have decided to retire their favorite sons and cast their aggregate of 142 votes for the ex-President has about removed all doubt from the situation. Then all dark horses, including Gorman, Morrison, Russell and Campbell with their followers are hastening to clamber into the band wagon of the victor.

The general expectation is that ex-Governor Isaac P. Gray, Indiana, will be nominated for vice-president. It is understood that his withdrawal from the race for the first place was made on the assurance that the Cleveland men would support him for the second,

and as the Cleveland force is well disciplined there is little doubt that the compact will be carried out. The Cleveland people are so secure that they will make no fight against Owens as temporary chairman, though he is an anti-Cleveland man. This was authoritatively given out by the Cleveland managers this morning but the Tammany leaders are still sullen, and continue to maintain that Cleveland cannot carry New York. Some of the lesser lights even declare that they will not, as a protest, cast any New York votes against Cleveland on the question of making his nomination unanimous.

#### THE IOWA DELEGATION STILL FOR BOIES.

Every effort of the Cleveland people to persuade the Iowa delegation to desert Governor Boies has proven signally unsuccessful. Despite the almost certainty that Cleveland will be nominated on the first ballot, the Boies people have announced that their candidate will remain in the race till the end, not only as a matter of State pride, but as a protest against the nomination of a candidate not supported by his own State. Indeed Boies' followers are almost as bitter as the Hill men in their protestation against Cleveland's nomination.

The delegation this morning decided to cast the solid vote for Boies, even if every other delegate in the convention voted for Cleveland, and under no circumstances to allow the consideration of his name for the second place. They say there is no reasonable hope that Cleveland can carry Iowa.

It is generally believed now that the contesting delegates from New York will content themselves with formal protest and allow the Hill delegates to take the seats in the convention without a fight. A definite decision on this point will be reached this afternoon after the close of the first session of the convention.

CHICAGO, June 21.—A circus tent, greatly magnified with a dozen huge white pendants stretching from covering to floor was the appearance of the big Democratic wigwam from the interior today.

What appeared to be pendants were really stout posts supporting a mammoth circular canopy of wood raised some distance above the walls to admit light and air from all sides. Blue-silk banners distributed on the main floor and bearing the names of various States showed where the State delegations would be seated. Around and back of them, rising like an amphitheatre were tiers of seats containing spectators, the entire structure having room for more than twenty thousand people.

The Chairman's desk, the same over which Cleveland and Hendricks were nominated in 1884, was surrounded by huge bouquets of flowers. The great interior was wreathed with red, white and blue streamers, flags and banners. There were here and there, shields of different States and portraits of honored Democrats of the past.

The delegations were seated according to the alphabet, Alabama having the front row, New York well back.

The crowd began to gather as early as eleven o'clock, though the conven-

tion was not to be called to order till noon, and it was long after that hour before the actual calling to order took place. When the gavel finally fell, the great structure was completely filled with people.

CHICAGO, June 21.—Chairman Brice called the convention to order at 12.45.

While the convention assembled, the blue satin banner of the Horace Boies club, Davenport, Iowa, was borne forward at the head of the delegation of rugged men who will sit in the convention and vote for their governor to the last ditch. They were greeted with applause as were the Tammany leaders from New York, who followed closely. Then came Illinois and Pennsylvania. Then in groups, pairs or singly, the other States took their places.

It was high noon when a black shadow crept up from the north and overspread the sky and the great spaces in the galleries became dim and shadowed. A hush crept over the throng of white faces turned upward toward the opening beneath the light wooden roof. Was the roof again to be blown away? Would terrific winds come on growing black clouds? Was there danger? Would there be peril in remaining? But as the shadow gently enveloped the entire structure, luckily no cry of fear came, though the women's faces were white and the men's faces intense with anxiety. Then came a vivid flash of lightning and the booming report of thunder reached the anxious crowd. Darker grew the murky air. At length so great was the outer darkness that the news reporters were compelled to pause, unable to see. Quickly followed the rattling of the burst of rain upon the roof. Almost instantly the water flowed down through a crack directly upon upon the heads of the New York delegation. Umbrellas were hoisted and the storm was on. Furious wind, thunder rolls and rain dashes continued for ten minutes. Suddenly as the storm had come it passed away, and light followed. Within the great hall was a wall of faces.

Then Chairman Brice of the national committee arose and commanded silence.

Rev. John Rouse offered prayer.

Secretary Sheerin announced the temporary organization: W. C. Owens, Kentucky, temporary chairman; S. P. Sheerin, secretary; Nicholas A. Bell, Missouri, principal reading clerk; Richard J. Bright, Indiana, sergeant-at-arms.

Owens was conducted to the chair amid applause, and spoke as follows:

#### TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OWEN'S SPEECH.

Two great dangers confront the Democratic party. One is external and the other internal. The one is the organization of the machinery of organized capital, supported by the whole power of the government. The second is the tendency among the Democrats to make issues among themselves.

Two needs, therefore, stand before us, indispensable to success—unity and harmony. If this chair and gavel stand as representatives of one, it remains for you to supply the other. In this spirit I greet you, fellow-Demo-