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THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.

Stormy Meetings and Spirited Discussions at their Convention.

GRESHAM AGAIN DECLINES NOMINATION.

General James B. Weaver Nominated on the First Ballot.—Dr. Field for Vice.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE NEWS.

THE OMAHA CONVENTION.

The People's Party Electing a President-elect Amidst Excitement.

OMAHA, July 2.—Chairman Taubeneck announced the list of temporary officers selected by the National Committee and they were elected by acclamation.

T. H. Elliott of Georgia was introduced as temporary chairman. In his speech he denounced the demand that a platform be adopted for the high tariff party. He was frequently interrupted and spoke eloquently at the great purpose for which the convention is to assist, and deplored that there had been other than a gathering of people, north, east, south or west, gathering on basis for a purpose never before realized in this country. When he recently darted out for freedom he sought for liberty and over it was a different sky and by different means. Again he sought to bind the fetters of slavery between brother and brother, the fight was a bloody one, and now for the first time all classes in these United States are uniting and marshaling their armies for the greatest struggle the world ever saw. The moral conflict is on and the ballot will be the weapon of war. The eyes of the world are upon us, and nothing would give more joy to our opponents than to see this vast assemblage disagree. Hundreds of pens are ready to note the first sound of discord. In every direction the wires are waiting to transmit the hoped-for news. "Brothers and friends let us disappoint them, and from the very beginning shake hands upon this one point, that harmony, unity and good will shall prevail."

At the conclusion of the chairman's speech, Mr. Todd of Michigan took the platform and presented the chairman with a gavel carved by the wife of Hon. Terrill of Texas, from a tree planted by George Washington at Mount Vernon. This announcement was received with enthusiastic cheers.

Chairman Ellington accepted the gavel in an appropriate speech. He directed the roll call of states to report members of the committee on resolutions. Unfortunately, at the first rap as the new gavel it fell to pieces, the head flying off in the handle and rolling down to the foot of the stairs. There was a little burst of laughter, but the occasion was too reverential to cause general merriment.

After the members of the committee on credentials was announced the members were requested to meet after adjournment. Paul Vandervoort, ex-grand commander of the G. A. R., announced a reunion of the veterans of the blue and the gray to be held tonight. He said it would be the greatest ever held in Nebraska.

The committee on rules and permanent organization was announced. While this was in progress a delegation paraded the hall with a banner bearing the following inscription: "Volunteer State of Tennessee; Blue and Gray, People's Party. Right side up for the times." The convention then adjourned at 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the opening of the afternoon session messages of congratulation were read from the party leaders. The one which produced the greatest applause was from the representatives of the party in Congress, and the communication says in part:

The two great political parties held conventions and nominated candidates and are marshaling their forces. They have no aims or objects but the spoils of office. Neither the people nor sinking to party and interest in either are dying by clarvation and by Pinkerton bullets. This is the mission of the new party. We have to rescue to the people their God-given rights and secure government; to restore the lands and unclaimed highways and to wrest from corporation and money kings the control of the people's money and all other appliances of commerce of our Christian civilization. We have to restore to our nation wisdom. Men are everywhere surrendering party prejudices and trampling under foot old party lines. Let us with the work so begun continue, that a government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

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