

THE GOLD DEMOCRATS

Denounce the Proceedings and the Platform of the Chicago Convention.

Members of the Party Called to Meet at Indianapolis on September 2.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—The executive committee of the National Democratic party of the United States has issued a call for a national convention to be held at Indianapolis on September 2.

Having reviewed the record of the party, the only existing party organization with a record extending back to the birth of the Republic, whose creed it thoroughly endorses and endorses—it denounces the proceedings and many features of the platform endorsed by the Chicago convention and continues:

"The platform proposes to degrade the coin of the United States by means of the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver by our government, and by the exercise of the power of the nation to compel the acceptance of depreciated coins at their nominal value, thereby working an injustice to creditors, defrauding the laborer of a large part of his earnings and savings, robbing pensioners of a part of their pensions, contracting the currency by the expulsion of gold from circulation, and injuring, if not destroying, domestic and foreign commerce. While professing to advocate a policy of bi-metallicism, it enforces the present Democratic administration for maintaining the party of gold and silver. It proposes to reduce this country to a condition of silver mono-metallicism, with its wretched and demoralizing standard of the wage-earner and the starved man of the wretched condition of the same classes in countries in which the silver standard prevails and where the rewards of agriculture and the arts are everywhere else in the world. With what seems to be a deliberate attempt to mislead the people, it asserts that by the coinage act of 1873 the United States abandoned the use of silver as money, and that gold has appreciated and commodities have fallen in price solely by reason of this legislation. It ignores the fact that the prices of commodities have fallen because of the enlarged use of labor-saving machinery, increased production and resulting competition. It suppresses the fact that a potent reason for the decline in the price of silver has been the discovery of new and cheaply worked mines, resulting in an enormous increase in production.

"Instead of recognizing these facts, it appeals to the prejudice of the people. It demands the free coinage of silver at the arbitrary and fictitious ratio of 16 to 1, although the ratio established in the world's market is about 32 to 1, and although the experience of the world warrants the belief that the commercial ratio between the metals can be reduced by the action of the government to any ratio even approximating that proposed. It seeks in certain contingencies to increase to an unlimited extent the volume of legal tenders issued by the federal government, the ultimate effect of which would be to force the withdrawal of all coin from circulation and to compel public and private business to be transacted in depreciated paper currency, constantly fluctuating in value, and to invite the ruin and confusion that have always followed the adoption of such a policy. Its doctrines invite and have produced a financial panic, and many of its exponents announce that to accomplish their purpose they are prepared to involve the country in a disaster comparable to nothing in its history save the calamity of the civil war.

"It assails the independence of the judiciary by a covert threat to reorganize the courts whenever their decisions contravene the decrees of the party caucus. It seeks to allure office seekers and spoilsmen to its support by attacking the existing civil service laws, which good men of all parties have labored so long to establish and to extend to all departments of public service.

"The Chicago convention, having thus departed from recognized Democratic principles and promulgated doctrines new and strange to the Democracy, all Democrats are absolved from obligation to support its programme. More than this, as the doctrine announced is destructive of the national honor and private obligations and tend to create sectional and class distinctions and engender discord and strife among the people, all good citizens of the republic are bound to repudiate and exert every lawful means to insure the defeat of the candidates that represent those false doctrines. Democrats are told that they must accept the platform enunciated and the ticket nominated at Chicago because submission to the will of the majority is a fundamental principle of Democracy. It is true that when a majority of the people have expressed their will at a legal election, and that majority must be respected and obeyed. This is essential to the peace and existence of the nation. But it is a monstrous perversion of this doctrine to apply it to a political party which exists only by virtue of a common voluntary assent to its principles.

"When a Democratic convention departs from the principles of the party no Democrat remains under any moral obligation to support its action, nor is there any tradition of the party that requires him to do so. On the contrary, it is evidence of general weakness for any free man to vote to enforce policies which, in his opinion, are inimical to the welfare of the people or to the integrity of the nation. The duty of the hour is to stand steadfast in the defence of our ancient faith. In this crisis there is at stake more than the possibility of temporary victory. The honor and perpetuity of the Democratic party are at stake. A political organization that is untrue to itself, its principles, its history and traditions, is disgraced and dishonored. The existence of our great historical party, that has withstood the assaults of every force, is threatened by reason of the recreancy of many of its members. That this party as we have known it, may not die, let the faithful of every rally around its historic banner, re-form its broken line, and, with abiding faith in the final triumph of its principles, unite to restore the name Democrat to its former meaning and proud distinction.

"To this end we request all Democrats who are opposed to the platform adopted and the candidates nominated at Chicago to organize in their several states and to send representatives to the convention of the National Democratic party to be held at Indianapolis on Wednesday, September 2, 1896, in accordance with the call heretofore issued by the national committee.

The call is signed by W. D. Bynum, chairman, and the other members of the executive committee.

THE U. S. AND CUBA.

MADRID, Aug. 17.—In the chamber of deputies to-day Senor Canovas, president of the council, denied the statement that the Duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, had read to Mr. Hannis Taylor, the U. S. minister to Spain, a proposed circular to the powers with reference to certain speeches in the U. S. Senate. He concluded by advising a policy of prudence at the present time, since an explosion of feeling would be disastrous. Senor Mello, one of the Carlist deputies, made a brief speech concerning the Spanish government for its failure to prevent filibustering expeditions from America landing in Cuba. To this Senor Canovas replied, adding that Spain should not rely on any alliance, but rather upon her own resources, to retain Cuba.

SALISBURY ON ARBITRATION.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—A statement concerning arbitration made by the Marquis of Salisbury on Saturday when he was installed as lord warden of the cinque ports is attracting widespread attention. The Pall Mall Gazette concludes a column leading article with the following remark: "Mr. Balfour and the Marquis of Salisbury's arbitration statements have caused unfeigned satisfaction to thousands of members of our common Anglo-Saxon stock on both sides of the Atlantic."

The St. James Gazette says: "The country will receive the arbitration news with the greatest satisfaction, but to believe the Marquis of Salisbury will be so feeble as to yield to Secretary Olney's demand for inclusion of the settled districts of Venezuela in arbitration."

FEVERISHLY ANXIOUS.

TORONTO, Aug. 18.—(Special)—The Mail-Empire's Ottawa correspondent says: "The government is now displaying feverish anxiety to make a beginning with negotiations for the settlement of the school question before facing parliament. Frequent dispatches are passing to Mr. Greenway, but the premier is said to be opposed to the idea of committing himself in advance to the finding of any commission. It looks as if Mr. Laurier will have to give in on this point and let the commission go to work without the assurance of its findings being respected."

PATENT REPORT.

The following is the complete weekly list up to date record of patents granted Canadian inventors in the following countries, which is prepared specially for this paper by Messrs. Marion & Lagrange, solicitors of patents and experts, head office, Temple building, Montreal, from whom all information may be readily obtained.

Canadian patents—53070, A. J. Gauthier, Uptan, valve handle; 53120, Katherine Campbell, Montreal, carpet fastener; 53129, G. Bourgeois, Helyer, Que., blouse tie; 52140, John Leask, Gare Bay, Ont., improvements in rolls for holding ribbons; 53145, F. Longtin, St. Constant, Que., apparatus for crossing rivers, canals, etc.

A Woman's Worries

Would be few Were it not for Her Aches and Pains—Fever Still to Men and Women Alike, Were the Great South American Remedies in Every House.

No case of rheumatism or neuralgia of long standing that it will not succumb to the wonderful South American Rheumatic Cure. Mrs. John Beaumont, Elora, Ont., says: "For 15 years I have been an intense sufferer from rheumatism. At times confined to my bed. I doctored with all the best physicians, but with little or no relief. My recovery was almost desperate. I was induced by a friend to try South American Rheumatic Cure. After taking a few doses I was able to sit up, and when four bottles had been taken I was as well as ever. When it is remembered that I could not be moved in my bed, I can but say that my cure has been a wonderful one."

The most insidious of all diseases are perhaps those of the kidneys, and it is only within a few years that advanced medical science has stepped in, and has successfully coped with the ravages of these dread disorders. The thousands of cases which have been helped and absolutely cured in the use of the great South American Kidney Cure is proof that the proprietor of this formula, which gives to the world this valuable remedy, has made a thorough study of such diseases, and the cure speaks the great truth in mind and body. And how many agonies there are who labor with all these symptoms, and neglect to give them the medical aid needed, and in an almost incredible time are drawn into a matrimonial maze of ailments. South American Kidney Cure never fails in such cases. It gives quick relief, and persistency in its use is always rewarded by a cure. I suffered a case from aggravated indigestion and dyspepsia," says W. F. Bolger, of Renfrew, Ont. "I was induced to use South American Kidney Cure as a last resort, and two bottles cured me of sufferings which had baffled every treatment before it."

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MAINLAND MINING.

What Is Being Done in the Nelson and Rossland Country.

Crow's Nest Pass Railway—C. P. Mining Co.'s Concentrator—The Noble Five.

(From the Nelson Tribune.)

The great war of Southern Kootenay, east and west, is the Crow's Nest Pass railway. If the people of the East become interested in the mines they will also become interested in the trade of this section of the country. The greater development attained the greater the possibilities for them doing business in the country. Self-interest, the most potent of all factors, will therefore incline them to lend assistance to the efforts of the people of the Kootenays to secure the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass road at the earliest possible date.

At present, with the brief acquaintance that Eastern people have had with the mineral resources of this section of the province, it bids fair rapidly to become a question of importance to the entire Dominion. By ordinary care Eastern people can secure profitable mining investments. The resources of the district are the closest security. If people who don't know a mine from a milk wagon invest before making reasonable investigations they deserve to be bitten. Mining in Kootenay is a business, not a gamble, and it requires ordinary business care. Throughout the East all the leading papers, irrespective of political stripe, are advocating the construction of the Crow's Nest road.

The Noble Consolidated Company has experienced no difficulty whatever in disposing of the treasury stock. In the East R. M. Sherman sold 150,000 shares, and the 50,000 shares offered in Kootenay were snapped up very quickly. There are still 100,000 shares of stock in the treasury. From the proceeds of this sale of stock the company has \$50,000 on hand for development purposes. This will be expended upon the purchase of the mine.

A fine showing of rich ore is said to have been developed on the Bell mineral claim at the head of Jackson basin. There is likely to be a lively triangular light over this property, as the right to mine is secured on the Bell claim will be attacked from two quarters. George Alexander, of the International Trading Company, has formed a company for the purpose of sampling and purchasing Sloan ore.

Foss & McDonald have been awarded a contract by John A. Finch to build a wagon road up Ten-mile creek from Sloan lake to the Enterprise mine, a distance of about eight miles. The road, upon which the company has been awarded about 8.5 per cent, but will average about 5.5 per cent, and be nearly uniform.

Some 200 shares of the Byron N. White Company's stock were purchased in Victoria last week at \$2.50 per share. The price has advanced to \$3.00, but the company has declared a dividend aggregating 50 per cent. during the past twelve months, which readily accounts for the premium paid.

Brantley Brothers claim to have made a valuable strike of rich ore on their recently located claim, Stars and Stripes, on the south fork of Kaslo creek. It is said that there is a four foot vein of clean galena.

The Canadian Pacific Mining and Milling Company's concentrator will be running not later than October 15. The company's holding consists of four claims on Woodbury creek near Ainsworth, upon which considerable work has been done in a quiet way. One claim there is already a 41-foot shaft, and an aggregate of 500 feet of tunnels on the others. There are large bodies of low grade ore exposed. The company has secured a 1000-horse power by building 1,250 feet of flume, 3 by 2 feet, 9 inches, increasing the power up to 300 horse power. The head is something over 80 feet.

C. L. Webb, of Seattle, in speaking of the Kootenays claim in the Sloan, says the vein on the surface is 25,000 feet long, says the vein on the surface is from three to ten feet wide, and has been uncovered for a distance of 60 feet. Aside from surface prospecting the No. 1 shaft, 100 feet in diameter, has been driven to a depth of 100 feet. The ore for the most part is concentrated below No. 1, is now 30 feet. There is a small streak of ore coming in which will run from 7 to 10 ounces in silver.

There is some first class ore which will run 70 to 80 ounces in silver, and 20 per cent lead. No. 2 shaft, 100 feet in diameter, is now 100 feet below No. 1, is now 30 feet. There is a small streak of ore coming in which will run from 7 to 10 ounces in silver. The receipts of ore at the Kaslo station, upon which the railway was gradually increasing. This week some new names are added to the list of shipping properties. The returns for the past week make a total of nearly 325 tons. The ore from the Sloan Star and Wonderful goes to Puget Sound, and the other mines send their output to the Puget Sound smelter, at Everett, Washington.

A rich strike is reported on the North Fork this week, about eight miles up from Gilliam's hotel. The leads are reported to be from 15 to 20 feet wide, containing peacock and black oxide of copper. One assay ran 400 ounces silver and 20 per cent copper.

John Howard, Agnes Willy and Dan Crawford have conveyed their interests in the Bullion and Mayflower in the Sloan to O. S. Fall and H. W. Ferguson of this camp, at a price of \$100,000. The latter is also largely interested in these claims.

Frank Fitch, Alec McLeod and William Franklin have located a fine gold prospect on the south slope of Woodbury peak, about two miles from Kootenay lake. They have all the necessary machinery on the four foot ledge, averaged \$20 in gold and 100 ounces in silver.

(From the Rossland Miner)

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