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## CHICAGO CONVENTION.

THOUSANDS OF DEMOCRATS PRESENT.

WILSON IN THE CHAIR.

HARMONY AND ENTHUSIASM PREVAIL.

The Commodore Wigwam Packed to the Brim—Capacity—Frightened by Thunder—Chairman Briege Calls the Gathering to Order—The Officers.

First Day's Proceedings.

Chicago special:

The National Democratic Convention was called to order at 12:15 Tuesday afternoon in the wigwam on the Lake

sylvania; H. Shepard, Virginia; C. Tilley, Missouri; L. A. Bowley, Michigan; R. E. Wilson, Mississippi; N. G. DeForest, New York; J. Swayne, Hilton, Principal Reading Clerk; Nicholas M. Bell of Missouri; Sergeant-at-arms; Richard J. Bright of Indiana; official stenographer, Edward Dickinson, New York.

The list was adopted without opposition, and the chair appointed Charles Jewett of Indiana; Thomas C. Stevenson of Minnesota; and A. E. Stevenson of Illinois, to attend Mr. Owen's speech.

At the conclusion of the speech

the convention adjourned Wednesday.

Wednesday morning the delegates were gathered in front of the platform and then proceeded in one of the side aisles to the place where the Kentucky delegation sat. Mr. Owen arose and walked up the aisle with the committee. When they appeared on the platform the convention adjourned, and the applause was given when chairman Briege announced that he had the honor and pleasure of presenting to the convention its temporary chairman, Mr. Briege, getting, leaving the space of the chairman's desk to Mr. Owen.

After bowing to the applause with which he was greeted, Mr. Owen, in a good voice, addressed the convention.

Mr. Owen had a respectful and an interested bearing, and when he came to the "legions of the broad and butter brigade" the convention cheered again and again.

At the conclusion of the speech the chairman asked what the pleasure of the convention was. Mr. White, of California, got the floor, and called for a resolution providing that the next day be called to name members of the permanent committee, and that all the members be called.

The motion was carried.

General Bragg, of Wisconsin, from the front row, offered an amendment that the rules of the last Democratic convention govern this body until otherwise ordered.

Mr. White accepted this amendment as being first in order, and temporarily withdrew his resolution, which he again offered after General Bragg's substitute was passed. It was read by Reading Clerk.

Mr. Briege, of Alabama, interposed with an amendment, which was read, and the motion was voted on. The motion was carried.

Just after noon, before many of the delegations had arrived in the hall, a tremendous thunder-storm burst over the city. The interior of the wigwam grew dark at night, the canvas being torn down over the upper windows. Thousands of people were already in the

convention dispersed for the day.

Wednesday's Session.

Proceedings of Monday on Wednesday.

Temporary Chairman Briege called the convention to order, and called upon the Rev. Alfred H. Henry to offer prayer.

He asked that the convention be adjourned to choose a report sensitive of modern progressive demands, and prayed that the party might proceed to victory, not for the sake of other.

Just as the prayer ended the heavy rain

and lightning entered the hall, the big blue banner with the picture of Horace Greeley in front of it.

The delegates from all parts of the hall and the gallery were shouting from the roof of the building, and the music of the band was heard.

When the music ceased the temporary chairman brought his gavel down and announced that the first business of the convention would be the report of the committee on permanent organization.

When the chairman announced that the committee on permanent organization was ready to report, the committee was not then ready and during the interval Senator Palmer was called upon and made a short speech.

When the chairman announced that the committee on permanent organization was ready to report, Mr. Lamb, of Indiana, took to the platform and in a clear, loud voice read the report of the committee on permanent organization.

The report of the committee on permanent organization





