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THE GREAT CONVENTION!

Grant & Wilson!

Grant Re-Nominated without a Dissenting Vote!

HENRY WILSON, OF MASS., NOM. ON FIRST BALLOT!!

VOTE: Wilson 384,--Colfax 312,

Full Report of the Convention!

Every State and Territory Fully Represented!

THE PLATFORM

The week ending June 8th will long be a memorable one for Philadelphia. The largest and most enthusiastic Convention on record, bringing with it thousands of citizens from the North, South, East and West, has come and gone. Long-looked for and anxiously discussed, it has promptly and nobly done its work and is among the things of the past, but will not soon be forgotten.

The choice of Philadelphia as the place of gathering was a good one, combining as it does the best communication with every part of the country, the best hotel accommodations and the finest auditorium on the Continent. These, together with the proverbial hospitality of the Philadelphians, have made the occasion one of pleasure to the multitude of guests.

The Committee of Arrangements have labored assiduously for weeks to provide for the convenience and comfort of the delegates and their friends. They secured the Academy of Music, the largest auditorium in the country, accommodating 5000 persons, and Horticultural Hall, adjoining, the next largest hall in the city. These were connected by a temporary passage way which virtually threw the two rooms into one.

Both buildings were decorated in front with the national colors so arranged as to almost conceal the buildings from sight, while interspersed among the flags were the coats of arms of the different States.

On the east side of Broad street and opposite each of the buildings were two large flagpoles, while near the buildings were two more. From the numerous ropes connecting them and the buildings fluttered gayly-colored banners bearing the names of the different States and Territories, together with hundreds of smaller flags and pennants. The scene was remarkably fine and one long to be remembered.

The interior was beautifully decorated with hunting and floral designs. The Proscenium boxes were trimmed from floor to ceiling and from thence the decorations extended to the dome. Numerous hanging baskets of elegant design, containing rare plants were displayed. The stage was transformed into a capacious raised platform, whereupon were placed desks and seats for the accommodation of the officers and reporters. The president's desk was on a platform in the centre of the stage handsomely decorated with two large vases of cut flowers on either side. The fronts of the reporters' platform, and the sides all the way up to the back of the stage, were profusely ornamented and rounded additionally attractive with the choicest kind of foliage plants and flowers. By this transformation and staging was concealed from view, and only the newspaper press of the country was seen at work in the midst of a bed of tropical plants, palms, miscellaneous flowers, &c. Horticultural Hall contained a fountain and an extraordinary fine bed of water plants. In front of the

president's desk was a portrait of General Washington enshrined in immortality, and on either side of this displayed from private boxes, portraits of Lincoln and Grant. The auditorium of the Academy was also handsomely adorned with flags and bunting. The locations of the various delegations were designated by small blue flags, trimmed with gold, having the name of the State or Territory in gilt letters. The American colors, covered the fronts of the several tiers, and the coats-of-arms of the different States, all newly painted, were also placed at conspicuous points fronting the column abutments. Hanging from the centre of the front arch of the stage was a grand emblematic representation of our national emblems, new and unique in design. It was in the shape of a huge shield, displaying the sea and shipping in the distance; nearer was rising hills, at the base of which was painted smoking iron foundries, and a railroad and train of cars. Still nearer was sloping fields, with harvest and ploughing scenes. In the immediate foreground, and hovering over and protecting all by his extended wings was an immense eagle, emblem of America, perched upon a rock, signifying the solidity of our institutions and the power that rests upon them. The whole of this beautiful allegory was surmounted with a colossal frame, moulded upon which was the paraphernalia of the army and navy, and also groups of national character in design. Over all was extended a grand streamer, with the words, "E Pluribus Unum." The whole of this great pictorial sketch was an area of from thirty to forty square feet. The stage was reserved for the officers of the Convention, the members of the National Executive Com. and the representatives of the press. The proscenium boxes were reserved for distinguished guests. The parquet and parquet circle, accommodating about 1000 persons, were reserved for the delegates and a portion of the alternates. The balcony and upper tiers were crowded with campaign clubs and general spectators, tickets being issued to the delegations for distribution to their friends.

Wednesday morning opened with rainy forebodings, but a fine wind sprang up and dispersed the clouds and the day seemed more auspicious. The streets and hotels swarmed with the multitude; some intent upon sight-seeing, but the majority, especially around the hotels, were busy lobbying on the Vice-Presidency question. The nomination of Grant being a foregone conclusion, the interest centred upon the Vice President and the Platform. Until a late hour on Tuesday evening the causing was prosecuted with extraordinary zeal by the friends of Colfax and Wilson. At first it appeared that Colfax would without doubt receive the nomination in the first ballot, but when the day's work was done Wilson had gained largely, the whole Penna. delegation having turned over to him, with several other states, and the probable vote stood about 350 for Wilson and 300 for Colfax. The main

thing which worked against Colfax was his professed withdrawal a few months ago, absolutely declining a re-nomination. This released his friends and they gave their support to others, mainly Wilson. When Colfax re-entered the lists he found numbers of his friends irrevocably pledged and of course lost much support from others who did not consider his action as the correct thing. Various conjectures were made concerning the platform, but it was overshadowed by the Vice-Presidential contest and was not the subject of as much interest as would otherwise have been. It was known that Dr. Loring of Mass., Geo. Wm. Curtis and others had been invited to make a draft of resolutions for the Committee on Resolutions, but further than this all was conjecture. Mr. Stanton and other women-suffragists were on the ground, pleading for a plank for their cause, but they met with little encouragement. Wendell Phillips sent on a Resolution on the labor question, asking for its insertion.

THE TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.
As early as nine o'clock the crowds who had tickets, and the crowds who had not, (the latter outnumbering the former four to one,) gathered in front of the Academy and struggled for admittance. The doors were not opened until 11, when the ticket holders rushed in and rapidly filled the building with the exception of the seats reserved for the delegates. About half-past eleven the delegates began to swarm in, amid the cheers of the audience and the strains of music from two bands, which discoursed the thrilling old-war-tunes of '63 and '64. When the Louisiana, S. Carolina and Arkansas delegations entered, (which are largely composed of colored gentlemen) the band played "Auld Lang Syne" which was received with cheers and waving of hats and handkerchiefs. Just prior to the opening of the Convention the band struck up the tune of "John Brown" and the scene in every part of the house became at once very excited. The Southerner joined in the chorus with a will and the enthusiasm of the audience was thoroughly aroused.

AT NOON
The delegates were called to order by Hon. H. B. Claflin, chairman of the Nat. Ex. Com. He said that the Convention represented the party of progress and humanity. He recalled to the achievements of the Republican party, and said that it still preserved the confidence of the country. Its national administration had managed our affairs at home and abroad with consummate ability, and it still had claims upon the party that would receive the recognition and endorsement of the people. Mr. Claflin's allusion to the management of our foreign affairs and the reduction of the public debt, elicited prolonged applause. Rev. Dr. Reed of the Presbyterian church, cor. 8th and Cherry sts., Phila., then opened the proceedings with a very appropriate and impressive prayer. Hon. Morton McMichael of Philadelphia was elected temporary Chairman of the Convention and was escorted to the chair by Senators Lane and Pratt amid prolonged manifestations of approbation.

SPEECH OF MR. MCMICHAEL.
Upon taking his seat Mr. McMichael spoke as follows:
Gentlemen of the Convention: I thank you for the privilege of presiding, even for the brief period I shall enjoy that honor, over such an assemblage as this. I am the more gratified because a delegate from Pennsylvania, and a resident of Philadelphia, it gives me an occasion to welcome you to our State and city; to say to you all how glad we are to have you among us; how careful we shall endeavor to be to promote your comforts while you remain with us; how desirous that when you leave us you will leave us with such impressions as will induce you frequently to return. Under any circumstances, the presence of so many distinguished men, gathered from all parts of this mighty land, which grows and stretches so rapidly that in these recurring quadrennial convocations, new States, new Territories, and in this case, happily for the cause of humanity and progress, a new race--now at least in the possession of political rights and civil functions, and soon to be endowed with all the attributes of equality--are represented; under any circumstances your presence would be to us a source of satisfaction, and it is especially so in view of the purposes which has brought you hither. The insouciance who recently met at Cincinnati were without a cause; the Democrats who are soon to meet at Baltimore, will be without a principle. The former having no motive in common but personal disapproval, attempted a fusion of repelling elements, which has resulted in exile to; the latter, degraded from the high estate they once occupied, propose an amalgamation of their identity, which

means death. Unlike the first you are authentic exponents of a great national organization, based upon principles.
Firm as the marble, founded as the rock; As broad and general as the casing air;
unlike the last, your object is to preserve, not to destroy. And, gentlemen, differing from both these in character and aims, you will differ no less in the nature of your deliberations. On the subject which has most perplexed and must continue to perplex their councils, I yours, rather let me say ours, there will be absolute harmony. With us, the selection of a Presidential candidate is a foregone conclusion. In that regard the people have decided for us in advance, and we have only to put their will into proper shape by formally nominating Ulysses S. Grant. And with the blessing of God we shall not only make the nomination without demur, without debate, without dissent, but we shall make it under such auspices as will insure it complete and abundant ratification at the polls.
It does not need nor, considering my temporary occupation of this chair, would it be desirable that I should enter into any elaborate commentary as to the merits of our candidate. But this I will say, that notwithstanding all the malignant venom that has been spilt at him; all the odious calumnies that have been heaped upon him; all the disgraceful slanders that have been circulated in regard to him, General Grant at this moment enjoys more of the confidence of his countrymen, is beloved by them to be an honest, true and better man than any of his detractors. No one in our day has been more completely, more shamelessly vilified; no one will be more thoroughly vindicated. The great heart of the American people beats responsive to truth and justice, and as they have tried and tested and trust him; as they know that his administration has been wise and faithful; as they have seen the nation prosper, they will stand by and defend him, and when the ballot box gives them a chance to do so, avenge him. Remembering the sore trials which, along with his fellow-soldiers, he underwent during the war, his sacrifices of ease and comfort, his perils by day and by night, the exposure by means of which those who now revile him were able to secure luxurious repose at a safe distance from danger, they are quite willing he should indulge in "palace cars, and cigars, and sea side lotteries," and they mean to furnish him with the opportunity of enjoying these for at least four years to come.

As to the Vice Presidency, no doubt, gentlemen, there will be various preferences. Some of us will at first favor one, some another, but when the choice is ultimately made I trust we shall all feel that we have succeeded. In regard to the platform to be adopted it is not for me to anticipate; but along with other important doctrines it will undoubtedly contain the widest recognition of human freedom, and the most affirmation of the duties which the government owes to its laboring masses; wherever and however employed, in town or country; and with such candidates and such a creed, whether we have to encounter the decaying remnants of a once powerful party, but now so feeble that it is crying piteously to its enemy for succor; or an incongruous alliance of ill assorted factions, with no bond of union, but the greed of office, or all of them combined, we shall go forth conquering and to conquer.

During the delivery the Speaker was interrupted with frequent applause. When the name of Grant was mentioned as one who would develop the whole strength of the Country, the delegates arose en masse and gave cheer after cheer for Grant. The temporary Secretaries were chosen, John W. Newlin of New Jersey being first on the list.
After this the Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Credentials and Committee on Permanent Organization were appointed.

While the Committees were engaged in their duties, several distinguished persons who were in the hall were called for. First came Gen. Logan, then the veteran anti-slavery pioneer, Gerritt Smith, of New York. When he appeared upon the platform the house rang with cheers and hats and handkerchiefs were waved in the air, while the band struck up "Hail to the Chief." We regret that our limited space forbids the publication of Mr. Smith's speech. We shall lay it before our readers next week. After Mr. Smith came Gov. Morton of Indiana, Dr. Loring of Mass., Gov. Orr of S. Carolina, Gov. Oglesby of Illinois, Gov. Hawley of Conn., Mr. Gray of Arkansas, Hon. R. B. Elliott of S. Carolina and Mr. Harris of N. Carolina,--the last three being colored delegates.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.
The Com. on Permanent Organization presented the name of Judge Thomas Settle of North Carolina for permanent chairman, with the usual list of Vice-Presidents and Secretaries, Hon. D. S. Gregory representing New Jersey on the former, and J. W. Newlin on the latter. Gen. H. H. Bingham of Pa. was unanimously elected Chief Secretary.

Judge Settle upon taking his seat said: Gentlemen of the Convention: I thank you for the distinction of presiding over the deliberations of the greatest assembly in the greatest power on earth; and I accept it, as much as any personal attribute to myself, but a right hand of fellowship extended from our wayward sisters of the North to the erring, wayward, sinners of the North to the erring, wayward, sinners of the South. [Immense applause.] We have high duties to perform. We have

assembled to name the man who shall administer laws for the great Republic for the next four years; but our duties are plain. We should be reverent to every trust, and fail to respond to the vibrations of every patriotic heart, if we do not, with one voice, name the soldier and patriot, U. S. Grant, for the next President. [Renewed applause.] We of the South recognize and demand him as necessary for the law and order of that portion of the country. He is a necessity to the freedom of all men. [Applause.] It is not proper that this evening, I shall therefore assume the duties which you have imposed upon me, and shall be very glad of the opportunity to address you at greater length; later in the session and when our labors shall have ceased.

The Convention then adjourned until Thursday morning.
Thursday's Proceedings.
Thursday opened splendidly; the sun shone in all its glory, and seemed to add to the jubilant spirits of the crowds which thronged the streets and hotels. For hours before the doors were opened at the Academy the crowd eager for "front seats" swayed to and fro like a mighty sea. Some of them had come hundreds, or thousands of miles, to participate in the re-nomination of the nation's great chief, but were unable to obtain cards of admission. The crowd kept in good humor, cheering lustily for Grant and singing "Rally round the Flag" and other old war songs. The united voices of over 5000 persons made the ground fairly tremble. At 10 o'clock the convention was called to order. The interior of the vast Academy presented a most animated scene. Everywhere was one vast sea of upturned faces. Every seat and aisle from the platform to the amphitheatre was filled with such an audience as is rarely gathered under one roof. The Com. on Credentials reported that every State and Territory was fully represented.

Various resolutions were offered and referred to the Com. on Resolutions. Mr. M. Michael, of Philadelphia, sent up to the president's desk and had read a series of resolutions passed by the Union League of America, urging the right of the Republican party to remain in power as long as its work is unfinished, and denouncing the Democratic party as unfit to govern the nation. The resolutions also call for the immediate putting down of the terrorism now existing at the South. Several gentlemen from the South were called for and responded briefly.

A COLORED ORATOR.
Hon. J. R. Lynch, Sec'y of State of Mississippi, a colored delegate, was called for and responded in substance as follows: He asserted that the Democratic party was dead, but why, he asked, then declaim against it, because a dead body lying on the ground in the summer-time does far more harm than a living one. Mr. Lynch is a colored man, and an eloquent orator. In speaking of the colored race he evoked considerable applause by asserting that the rainbow was not complete without its darkest color. The colored people, he said, would not recognize the white hairs of Mr. Greeley to the injury of General Grant, whose name was engraved upon their hearts. Mexico, Central America and the West Indies must soon be ours. In order to develop the resources of this country black muscle was needed. It had been attempted to work cotton fields of the South with Swedish labor imported from Europe, but in a short time the experimenters were heartily ashamed of themselves.

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Hon. Shelby McCollum of Illinois, ascended the platform, and said: Gentlemen of the Convention:--On behalf of the great Republican party of Illinois, and that of the Justice, in the name of liberty, of loyalty, of union and of law; in the name of economy, of good govern-

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Countdown from first page... of peace and all of the equal rights of all races... with profound gratitude, his glorious achievements of a chief magistrate of the great nation...

applause by the audience. Some of the chairman professed their votes with unqualified remarks which elicited both laughter and applause... PRESIDENT GRANT'S NAME was placed in nomination before the convention at half-past 12...

of the ballot-box, and therefore they are entitled to the thanks of the nation... The President of the Convention is mindful of his obligations to the great women of the cause of freedom...

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