

THE SILVER CONVENTION.

Senator Stewart of Nevada Makes an Interesting Speech.

HISTORY OF DEMONETIZATION.

A Deed Done in the Dark of Which No Record Appears—Remarks on the Partnership Aspirants—Hesitate to Goldings.

Proceedings of the Second Day.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 27.—It was nearly 11 o'clock before the silver convention was called to order this morning. The following resolution was passed and after a lively discussion it was referred to the committee on resolutions:

Resolved, That the senators and representatives in congress of the United States be and are hereby requested to establish a uniform law for the silver by which the South American states that shall make silver pass current on par with gold in all the Americas of the western hemisphere, and that the secretary be requested to open negotiations with the congress of the all-Americas now in session for the building of a railroad from the United States and through the states of South America.

Senator John Thoman, vice president of the Chicago National bank of New York, was read. He said the movement for the more liberal use of silver in the currency should be granted.

First secure the coinage of the maximum, \$1,000,000 per month, and see the results of the increased production of the silver. These results will show the way for the adoption of free coinage by acclamation. He considered the situation at length and admitted that the demonetization of silver is a wicked profession given to the creditor over the debtor classes of our entire population.

Secondly, it is the preference that is driving our middle class to ruin. It is giving our millionaires to multiply their millions. Nothing in my opinion will save our people from the ruin that is coming so surely as the full demonetization of silver and giving it all the advantages we now give to gold, both in law and in the rule of our treasury department.

A resolution offered by James of California was received with applause and referred to the committee on resolutions.

Wholesale Wall street and western bondholders are now at work striving to elect a speaker for the approaching congress whose records are entirely opposed to the silver interests.

Resolved, That the western and southern representatives in congress be and are hereby requested to support the free coinage bill for the speaker and that their failure to do so will be a betrayal of the people and warrant their expulsion from the halls of congress.

Congressman Hild was then introduced and made a speech of some length, in the course of which he said: The demonetization of silver will settle the silver question and greatly relieve the poor.

The most important business transacted was the announcement of the committee in favor of making a coupon currency bill. The committee also reported on the bill for the adoption of the Australian system of voting and caused a lively rumble among the speakers and members. The committee also reported on the bill for the reorganization of the state public organization and to protect the public against impostors and quacks.

BURGAL INSURANCE.

A Scheme That is Being Discussed in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The insurance business has been extending in many different directions within the last few years, providing against loss from tornadoes, earthquakes, the breaking of plate glass and the poisons of employees, that a movement some time ago was organized for the adoption of a system of insurance in Chicago.

DEPRESSED THE STOCK.

Mazard's Decision Has a Depressing Influence on the Gas Trust.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—The adverse supreme court decision upon the Chicago gas trust had a decidedly depressing influence on the stock of that company on the Chicago stock exchange today.

A VERDICT OF ONE DOLLAR.

Outcome of a Libel Suit Against the St. Paul Globe.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The peculiar suit of Mrs. Thomas Napp against the St. Paul Globe for \$10,000 damages came to an end this morning. The jury returned a verdict for every paper connected with the Associated Press, as it was based upon an Associated Press dispatch under date of New York, August 13. The celebrated case of Mrs. Maybrick had just been concluded at Liverpool, and in reviewing the evidence a correspondent took occasion to impress the testimony of Mrs. Thomas Napp of Montreal.

THE FIRE-DESOLATED CITY.

Militia Patrolling Lynn to Prevent Raids by Thieves.

Help for the Destitute.

Nearly Three Hundred Buildings Burned, Five Millions Lost and Eight Thousand People Thrown Out of Employment.

GUARDING THE BURNED DISTRICT. LYNN, Mass., Nov. 27.—The city today is well patrolled by militia, 200 men in all being on duty. Men are stationed at the entrances of the burned district. Guards are stationed at the stores that are being hastily cleared out to prevent thieves from taking what is left.

Through the associated charities many destitute families were furnished lodging last night in rooms hired at lodging and dwelling houses, and rations of hot soup, crackers and bread are being served to all in need of food.

As soon as some plan for assistance can be devised the work of providing for the destitute families will progress rapidly.

Practical suggestions were one of the objections that the total loss will reach nearly \$5,000,000. The number of buildings burned were 246, of which 43 were brick blocks, 108 wooden buildings and 95 business houses and 142 dwellings occupied by 164 families.

The number of laboring people thrown out of work this morning has been estimated at 8,000. No fatalities have been reported. At 9 o'clock this morning the fire apparatus from Boston and other places out of town took the burned district.

The insurance adjusters at present estimate the total insurance on the burned district at \$5,000,000. The insurance companies practically a total loss, there being no little salvage.

The Lynn Daily Item was the first to create a little office of relief for the sufferers. It was the first to issue a relief committee, all ready for business.

F. W. Reed, who lost the largest of his clothing stores, and before many months we shall see the city as prosperous as before the disaster.

The revised figures of the buildings so far as known are: 42 brick buildings, 112 wooden stores and factories and 142 dwelling houses, one hundred and a number of cottages, homeless and 87 shoe manufacturing establishments are wiped out.

Shortly after noon the mayor called to order a meeting of citizens desirous of aiding the sufferers. Telegrams offering assistance in cash or anything else were received from Boston and other places.

A committee was appointed to make a report of the probable loss, the number of people deprived of employment and the kind of relief to be given. A relief committee was appointed and \$5,000 subscribed on the spot.

MADE THE COURT MAD.

A Lively Scene at the Close of a St. Joseph Trial.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Legal circles here are greatly excited over the thing and commitment to jail today of Joseph P. Grubb, for fifteen years Judge of the circuit court, by Presiding Judge Julius Woodson.

Grubb, prominent young man, was once charged with assaulting his brother-in-law, Michael Griffin, and Judge Grubb was defending him. Judge Woodson had finished reading his instructions to the jury when Grubb jumped to his feet, and with unbridled emotion, exclaimed: "This is a damned outrage; a travesty on justice. There is not a man in this court, and your instructions based on a court of evidence, are a damned outrage and you are biased, partial and prejudiced."

Judge Woodson calmly said: "Sit down, Mr. Grubb."

"I will not sit down. I will not pay that much respect to your court. It is an outrage and you the chief magistrate. Judge Woodson arose to his feet, and his face livid with rage, cried: "I fine you \$25 for contempt of court. You are in my custody. I have your brother-in-law in your custody."

Judge Grubb was led from the court room with difficulty and later refused to argue for his client or to defend the cause, but stating that he was a criminal and in jail. Later in the day he was released. Grubb is said to be a member of the grand jury.

Judge Woodson was governor of Missouri from 1883 to 1887.

For the Purty of Food and Drink.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 27.—The National Dairy and Food Commissioners' association of the United States was organized this afternoon by delegates appointed by the governors of several states. Hon. Hiram Smith of Wisconsin was elected temporary chairman. E. A. Dertbick, food and dairy commissioner of Illinois, was elected treasurer.

The objects of the association are: "To establish a uniform standard for the purity of human food and drink and to encourage honesty in the manufacturer and protect the consumer."

A constitution and by-laws were adopted. On the enrollment of members George M. Stevens of Chicago, who has been appointed a delegate from Illinois by Governor Fisher, proved to be a manufacturer's agent, and not a bona fide manufacturer, and was not admitted to membership.

Ben Butler Sued for Slander.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Samuel Strong, whose claims against the district has become almost historic, today filed suit against Benjamin F. Butler for \$250,000 damages for slander. General Butler brought suit several months ago against Strong for money which he asserted was due him as contingent commission on the Hawaiian Islands. The suit had been developed some highly exciting features, among which was the production of a paper by Strong which, if genuine, would show that Butler had been made to furnish for his services an amount much lower than that named in the suit. Butler denounced the charge as a "damned outrage" and the suit for slander grew out of this.

Died From Cold and Hunger.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Hiram Hyde, a fifteen-year-old boy, was found dead in a school house coal shed last night near Mattoon. He, together with his father, had been indicted for larceny, and during the past week had been doing the officers. The boy's father left Shelbyville with him yesterday to stop in this city, and, becoming tired and hungry, he turned into the school house. It is inferred he died from the exposure and hunger.

A Federal Australia.

STENBY, Nov. 27.—In reply to the governor's speech at the opening of parliament both houses adopted an address expressing the trust that the present discussion of the subject of federation by the colonies, would lead to the creation of a federal Australia on a basis of mutual good will and enduring friendship.

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An Abductor Captured.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Nov. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Sheriff McCann of this city last night arrested James Rowe, who was attempting to escape to Wisconsin with a fifteen-year-old girl, named Helen, who had been kidnapped by Rowe on a farm ten miles from Clarion, Wright county. She left home yesterday morning for school. Rowe met her with a hungry and the couple drove to Dubuque and were sent to the sheriff of Wright county of the capture.

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