



Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, appeared before a house committee in opposition to the ship subsidy bill.

Senator Alger has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the legislature, which meets next January. He is in ill health.

Governor Pattison of Ohio who was recently removed to the hospital in Cincinnati, appears to be somewhat improved in health.

It is claimed that the International Harvester company owes sixteen railroads centering in Chicago \$150,000, and these railroads have combined in a refusal to deliver freight to the trust until the amount is paid.

Lewis G. Tewksberry, the bucket shop king, who has been a fugitive from justice for the last three years, surrendered to the New York City authorities. He is under indictment for grand larceny.

Senator Daniel presented to the senate a letter from R. S. Waddell, president of a Peoria (Illinois) powder company, replying to the claim made by G. M. Peters, president of the King Powder company. The Peters letter denied that his concern is in a trust. Mr. Waddell offers to prove the existence of the powder trust.

Governor Gooding of Idaho invited Samuel Gompers and John Mitchell to appoint a committee to meet at Pocatello to investigate the conditions incident to the arrest of Moyer and Hayward, the labor leaders. Mr. Gompers replied to the governor as follows: "Surely if Orchard and Adams can not give details of confession, what benefit can result from Mr. Mitchell's and myself hearing their general statement? In any event, such statements would only be ex parte, without cross-examination and without being confronted with the accused men. The justification for the general suspicion lies in their unlawful extradition and brutal kidnapping from their homes and state."

General J. Warren Kelfer was re-nominated for congress by acclamation at the republican convention held at Springfield, Ohio.

Dr. A. P. Marble, an educator and recently president of the National Educational association, died in New York.

Socialists held a meeting at San Francisco to express sympathy for Moyer and Hayward, the labor leaders who were arrested in Colorado, charged with conspiracy in the murder of Steunenberg of Idaho. After the meeting the socialists paraded the streets and one of their number climbed to the pedestal of a street fountain and displaying a banner bearing the inscription, "The Constitution be Damned! So say the Corporations!" Another started to address the gathering when a squad of police arrived and dispersed the crowd. A fight followed and a number of men were injured by the police.

Robert G. Proctor, private secretary to United States Senator Lodge, was indicted by a Boston grand jury. It is alleged that Proctor received \$225 belonging to John E. Bestgen of Quincy, Mass., in October, 1904, as a republican campaign contribution;

that Proctor promised to aid Bestgen in obtaining a consulship but that no record of the same appears on the books of the republican committee.

Benjamin W. Morris, bishop of the Episcopal church in Oregon, is dead.

After returning to Chicago, Dowie, who established Zion City, and who was recently removed from his place of authority, concluded not to seek to regain possession by force, but secured the services of a lawyer.

Walt Butler, once democratic member of congress from Iowa, has announced that he will be a candidate for state senator from Polk county.

Jefferson Gardner, former governor of Indian Territory, died aged 60 years.

Suit has been brought against Richard A. and Robert H. McCurdy by the Mutual Life Insurance company, to recover something more than one million dollars.

Mayor Dunne has appointed Walter L. Fisher, president of the municipal voters league, as his special attorney in the acquirement of street railway properties.

M. Gorky, the Russian author, has arrived in this country.

Three negroes were hanged by a mob at Springfield, Mo. Two were charged with criminal assault and one with murder.

A negro in New York City struck a white girl on a street car, and a crowd of white men undertook to lynch him. He was rescued by the police.

James D. Elliott, United States attorney for South Dakota, has resigned.

James A. Bailey, the famous showman and managing director of the Barnum & Bailey circus, is dead.

It is reported that President Castro has temporarily retired from office in Venezuela, and that it will soon be announced that the retirement is permanent.

Eastman Johnson, the famous artist, is dead. His reputation was established in 1858 by a painting called "The Old Kentucky Home."

Mr. Bryan's stay in Calcutta covered but a few days, but from all accounts the time seemed to be fully occupied. A lunch with the viceroy, Lord Minto; a breakfast with Governor Frazier of the province of Bengal; lunch at the home of one of the

Indian princes; a speech to the students, and interviews with several native editors—these gave Mr. Bryan a chance to learn considerable of India.

The second annual banquet of the Iowa Democratic club which was given at Des Moines April 2 was a very successful affair. Governor Folk of Missouri was the principal speaker. His subject was "True Democracy," and in the course of his address he took occasion to urge the primary election law. He said that while partisanship is good, patriotism is better. Addresses were also made by J. M. Read, J. E. Craig, C. C. Colclo and General James B. Weaver. The club elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, H. C. Evans, Des Moines; secretary, A. R. McCook, Elma; treasurer, J. S. Cunningham, Knoxville. It is the purpose of the club to perfect a working organization of the democracy of the state and in every way possible to promote the principles of the democratic party.

John F. Gaynor and Benjamin G. Greene, former government contractors, were found guilty of fraud before the federal court at Savannah, Ga. They will be required each to serve four years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$575,000. Greene and Gaynor have put in several years in fighting extradition, they having fled to Canada. It is claimed that they defrauded the government of \$2,000,000.

The doctors of Webster City, Iowa, have given up telephones because of a fight with the telephone company over rates, and the telephone company has advertised for medical men to work in Webster City on salaries at cut rates.

The authorities of Douglas county, Neb., are on the trail of a ballot box fraud in the republican primaries recently held at Omaha.

Angry words in the house were exchanged between Mr. Williams of Mississippi and Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania.

The grand jury at Buffalo, N. Y., has returned a number of indictments in connection with the purchase of a regiment armory site.

Five hundred Missouri democrats attended a banquet at Kansas City on the evening of April 13. Governor Folk, Senator Stone, Representative Towne of New York, Chas. W. Knapp of St. Louis, W. M. Evans, chairman

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