

be the effect on the Indians if the fee provided for in the contracts were granted? "It would take all the property the Indians have. They would be penniless if they had to pay the fee." Mr. Owen was elected senator in 1907 and lives at Muskogee. It was said here that he is now in Canada."

An Associated Press dispatch from Franklin, Pa., says: "Joseph C. Sibley, who withdrew as a candidate for congress on the republican ticket in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania district was arrested late last night on a warrant charging him with 'conspiracy to debauch voters.' He was released on his own recognizance to appear before Justice of the Peace Perry at Warren, Pa., August 26. His arrest came a few hours after Sibley announced his withdrawal from the congressional race. According to his own figures filed in obedience to law Sibley spent \$17,000 in Warren county and \$32,500 in the entire district to gain the nomination which averaged \$4 per vote. Charles Crandall, D. M. Howard and George M. Dunn, prominent politicians of the Twenty-eighth district, are included in the warrant."

Census returns indicate that the center of population of United States continues to be in the vicinity of Columbus, Indiana.

Former United States Senator Wilkinson Call died at a Washington, D. C., hospital.

Vice President Sherman is on the stump in Illinois, advocating the reelection to congress of Representative McKinley. He will later go to Missouri to help the republicans in that state.

General Estrada took the town of Managua and is now in complete control of Nicaragua. An Associated Press dispatch says: "When the insurgent army arrived, according to these advices, Dr. Madriz had already abdicated in favor of Jose Dolores Estrada, who in turn issued a proclamation declaring his brother, General Juan Estrada, president of the United Republic of Nicaragua. General Juan Estrada had been the nominal head of the insurgents. Although the revolution has been a success and Estrada is nominally president of the supposedly re-united republic, it is not believed in Managua that he will receive the support of the conservative party. Juan Estrada, as well as his brother, has always been prominently identified with the liberals, the party of Zelaya." The United States government is known to be greatly pleased with the change in Nicaraguan affairs.

The republican congressional committee has made public a letter written by President Taft in which he boosts the work of the republican congress, saying that it did the bidding of the people. He summarizes the work of congress in this way: "Enacted a tariff law which reduced the cost of necessities and as a revenue producer changed a deficiency to a surplus. Provided for a tariff commission, looking to the perfection of the law. Clothed the interstate commerce commission with new and necessary power. Provided for a system of postal savings banks. Created a bureau of mines and reduced the dangers of men engaged in the industries. Passed a bill looking to the conservation of natural resources. Gave statehood to the territories of New Mexico and Arizona."

A Washington dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "The creation of an army of 40,000 no-

taries public has been authorized by the postoffice department in accordance with legislation enacted during the past session of congress. All carriers of the rural mail service are now required by the department to execute vouchers for United States pensioners residing on their routes, for which they are to receive 25 cents for each voucher executed. The establishment of the free rural delivery service resulted in the discontinuance of 23,550 fourth-class post-offices, the postmasters of which had been authorized to execute vouchers for pensions."

The population of St. Louis is 687,029, an increase of 19.4-10 per cent in ten years.

A Wilmington, Del., dispatch says: "Brigadier General Jack Hayes, U. S. A., retired, who was with Lawton when he fell in the Philippines; who was military escort to President Arthur when he made his inspection of Yellowstone Park, and who was famous as an Indian fighter, was stricken with paralysis. General Hayes fell heavily while going to his apartments at the Hotel Richardson, where he spends part of the summer. Isaac Bell, a watchman, caught the general and summoned help. Dr. Anderson found that the right side and the organs of speech were involved. His condition is critical."

Forest fires have wrought great damage and the destruction of many lives in the state of Washington. Federal and state governments rendered aid and state militia and government troops were ordered out to fight the fire.

The select committee which was appointed by the house of representatives to investigate Indian land affairs and the so-called McMurray contracts and which also has been investigating the Gore bribery charges issued the following statement: "The committee has heard and carefully considered all the testimony submitted and is unanimous in the opinion that there is and was no warrant for any person to use the names of Vice President Sherman and Senator Charles S. Curtis in connection with any improper relations with any Indian contract whatever." This is the opinion of the committee after hearing scores of witnesses who appeared following the testimony of Senator T. P. Gore that he had been approached by Jake L. Hamon, who, acting in the interest of J. F. McMurray, offered him (Senator Gore) \$25,000 or \$50,000 as a bribe to promote in congress the contracts by which McMurray was to receive a 10 per cent attorney's fee on the sale of \$30,000,000 worth of Indian lands. The senator testified that Hamon had mentioned Senator Curtis and Vice President Sherman as being "interested" in the deal. In giving its decision the committee announced it had received from Senator Gore a statement relative to Vice President Sherman and Senator Curtis and that the committee "commended" Senator Gore's statement. The statement read in part: "Neither the name of Vice President Sherman nor of Senator Curtis was mentioned by me on the floor of the United States senate. That the name of either of these persons was alluded to by Mr. Hamon was steadfastly withheld from the public until this investigation began. Their names are disclosed finally, not with any view to inculpating them or with any view of suggesting guilt, but merely in order that the truth, and the whole truth, might be related with reference to the details of the conversation between Mr. Hamon and myself. While the public has no reason to suspect any such improper connection, yet I would venture to

request that the committee at the earliest practicable moment make an authoritative finding and statement to the effect that no evidence has been presented tending to establish any improper conduct on the part of either Vice President Sherman or Senator Curtis respecting the subject of this investigation."

AT HAWKEYE, IOWA

The Hawkeye, (Ia.) Beacon, whose editor is chairman of the republican county central committee, prints this report of Mr. Bryan's address:

"Two good things came to Fayette county Monday—rain and William Jennings Bryan. Both were duly appreciated. Mr. Bryan came as the closing speaker at the Fayette county chautauqua and the magnificent reception given him at West Union from the time he emerged from his train and was showered with bouquets by a delegation of young ladies until he was whirled away to fill another chautauqua date was worthy of America's greatest educator and most eminent citizen, public or private. (We make no reservation.)

"This is the first time any number of Fayette county people had seen Mr. Bryan and very much of the prejudice against him was dispelled by listening to the oration, 'The Prince of Peace.' Indeed, we talked with those who admitted that they had been greatly in error as to their previous estimate of Mr. Bryan. The revision of esteem is upward, but admittedly duty free. 'The Prince of Peace' is a religious theme and one might think it too delicate a subject to discuss before an audience of 3,000 people comprising all shades of religious faith, yet the great fundamental truths of Christianity were handled in so masterful a way as not to give offense to any sect or creed. Space will not permit a review of the lecture, so abounding in the greatest of truth and logic, yet presented in such a way—the matchless Bryan way—that even the unlettered and the children could understand.

"At the close of the afternoon lecture Mr. Bryan held an impromptu reception from the platform, a host of people passing by to greet the eminent Nebraskan.

"By reason of an open date Mr. Bryan was able to remain over night and in the evening again appeared on the lecture platform. The evening theme was 'The Price of a Soul,' or the applying of the laws of 'The Prince of Peace' to the lives of nations and individuals. It was the general opinion that this lecture surpassed that of the afternoon, if comparisons are permissible.

"Has Mr. Bryan grown in thought the past ten years—or are the people catching up to his prophesies? He said holding the Filipinos as imperial subjects was wrong and the people now believe it; he came home from Europe a few years ago with the message that government ownership of railroads was the true solution of the railroad question and people laughed at him—the prophet has in all ages been the subject of sneers or stones—but after trying the experiment of regulation people are becoming convinced that the government ownership idea is the true solution; direct election of United States senators, publicity of campaign funds and many other reforms now accomplished facts were advocated by Mr. Bryan years before the rank and file were ready to accept them. This is why he is growing in favor in the sight of the people, i. e., not because Bryan has changed, but by reason of our catching up with the advanced thought of a truly great man."

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