

ANOTHER PUFF FOR BRYAN

Popocrats Credit the Free Silivite with Getting the New Lincoln Library.

NO PROOF EXISTS TO BACK THE CLAIM

S. L. Gelsthardt the Man Who Called the Matter to Carnegie's Attention—Mercer Works the Washington End.

LINCOLN, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The uncertainty as to whom really belongs the credit for securing from Andrew Carnegie the donation for a public library building has afforded local politicians of the popocratic faith an excellent opportunity of advertising W. J. Bryan as the friend of the masses.

The idea of securing such a donation for Lincoln was first conceived by S. L. Gelsthardt of this city, a former member of the library board, and a few days after the old library was destroyed by fire he communicated with Andrew Carnegie on the subject and about the same time asked Congressman Mercer to use his efforts in behalf of Lincoln. Still another man whose identity has not been revealed assisted in securing the donation and the local popocrats have jumped at the conclusion that this man is Bryan.

The report that the free silivite secured the gift from Carnegie has since been industriously circulated and has found its way into a number of popocratic newspapers.

There is no apparent foundation for the report of Bryan's connection with the gift and several members of the legislature have asserted that there is not a word of truth in it.

About the only thing Bryan ever did for Lincoln was in securing an appropriation for an elevator in the postoffice building, which is now labeled with a large silver plate bearing the inscription:

"This elevator was obtained through the efforts of Congressman W. J. Bryan."

Christmas was observed in nearly all the churches in the city today. Several congregations held the children's festival last night, others celebrated it this evening and still others will hold it tomorrow night.

The Roman Catholic and Episcopal are the only churches that will hold services tomorrow. The directors of the State Poultry association met at the Lindell hotel last night to arrange for the annual poultry exhibit to be held at Friend January 15.

A special committee was appointed to secure bids for the annual meeting in 1900 and a selection will be made in January so that it may receive a full year's advertising.

Verdon Has High Hopes. VERDON, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—It was thought by all that the division station question on the Missouri Pacific was definitely settled, but rumors of another and final move are now flying thick and fast.

Verdon is to be the favored town, so each of these rumors says. The large amount of work now being done and the large amount of material being unloaded here, give these rumors a tone of truthfulness.

Another thing that has been said is that the land company which owns a large number of lots in Verdon and which is in close touch with the Missouri Pacific company, raised the price on their lots about 25 per cent a short time ago.

Mysterious Theft. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—County Judge Baldwin yesterday issued warrants for the arrest of F. L. Disbrow, Charley Bradley, Charley Page and John Kessler on the charge of breaking into Union Pacific freight cars.

The theft occurred on the night of December 4 and the affair was a secret of the officers until the warrants were made out.

Detective Vizzard of the Union Pacific has had the matter in charge and by his perseverance and unceasing activity, together with the aid of the county officers, the location of the stolen goods was ascertained and the guilty parties placed under arrest.

Yesterday afternoon Sheriff Kellner and Detective Vizzard proceeded to the Hupper place armed with the warrants of arrest and a search warrant. There they found a large quantity of the stolen merchandise and returned to town with Disbrow, Page and Bradley, who now languish in the county jail.

John Kessler was also placed under arrest on suspicion, but in the morning was given his liberty. It is thought that other parties had a hand in the stealing.

For a Fusion Paper. TABLE ROCK, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Subscription papers to a stock company to be organized by the fusionists are in circulation here. The headquarters to be at Pawnee City. Capital stock is \$2,000, in shares of \$10 each.

The purpose of starting a fusionist newspaper at Pawnee City, Neb. The meeting to complete the organization is to be held at Pawnee City Saturday, December 30. It is understood that G. W. Johnson and E. L. Fulton of Pawnee City are the president and secretary respectively.

and among the incorporators or heavy stockholders are the names of ex-Senator John M. Osborn, Peter Billing of Pawnee City and A. E. Lane of Table Rock.

Searching for Elopers. TABLE ROCK, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Officers were here last evening from Humboldt looking after one J. E. Anderson, who is said to be a married man already who had eloped with a young girl, 17 or 18 years old, named Cross, who lived near Dawson.

It seems that Anderson hired a rig at Humboldt, went after the girl to Dawson, drove to Humboldt, turned the team loose and broke for the train, either being afraid of missing the train or being caught if they were to tie the team. No trace of them has been discovered, nor have they found at what point they left on the train.

M. & M. Improvements. TABLE ROCK, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—It is rumored here that surveyors are looking over a new branch line of the B. & M. to run from Nebraska City to Table Rock via Julian and Auburn, thus doing away with the roundabout route now necessarily traveled and avoid the dangerous route along the river by Peru, Bensonville and Nemaha City when the water is at a high stage.

Drowned in the Blue River. WILBER, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Louis Jacobs left his boat Thursday morning for a hunt along the Blue River, taking with him his skates. Not returning a search party was organized this forenoon and in a little while it was discovered that he had been drowned by breaking through the

POPE USHERS IN HOLY YEAR

Impressive Ceremony of Opening Holy Door of St. Peter's Cathedral.

OCCURS AT EVE OF EACH NEW CENTURY

Door Swings Open When Struck Three Blows with a Golden Mallet—All the Church Bells in Rome Ring Out.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The pope solemnly inaugurated the holy year by performing the impressive ceremony of opening the holy door of St. Peter's cathedral at 11 o'clock this morning. The ceremony was performed in the vestibule, which was handsomely decorated in the presence of the papal officers, the members of the diplomatic corps, leading representatives of the Roman nobility and a number of specially invited guests.

After donning the pontifical robes, the pope, borne on the sedia gestatoria and escorted by the papal guards, proceeded with the cardinals and the court to the Sistine chapel in the Vatican palace, where were gathered representatives of the Roman religious orders and clergy.

After a brief prayer before the holy sacrament, which was there exposed, Leo intoned the Veni Creator and then again ascended the sedia gestatoria.

Preceded by clergy and friars, who bore lighted candles, the pope proceeded to the vestibule of the basilica, priests lining the halls and staircases en route. In the vestibule the papal throne had been erected. The pope, seated on the throne, was immediately surrounded by cardinals and dignitaries.

Suddenly a heavy bell boomed. The pope arose and walked toward the holy door, preceded by the grand penitentiary, Cardinal Monsignor Serafini Vannutelli, prefect of the congregation of bishops and regulars, met him and handed him an artistic golden mallet given by the Italian bishops. Leo, wearing the mitre, uttered the verses of the liturgy and struck three blows with the hammer on the door, which had previously been open.

A few moments of solemn silence followed, the pope and the papal dignitaries in their state robes being grouped before the door. Then the latter swung back and the officials of St. Peter's laved the threshold and Goops with holy water while Leo opened the door, the door being opened by the pontifical choir. The pope, having again covered his head and holding in his right hand a crucifix and in his left a lighted candle, knelt at the threshold amid the strains of the "Te Deum."

Rising to his feet he stepped alone within the portals of the vast empty basilica. The cardinals and others followed.

At this moment all the church bells in Rome rang out. Leo stopped before the altar of Michael Angelo, where the janitors of the holy door for the coming year kissed his feet. He addressed a few words to them on the importance of the ceremony and then proceeded to the altar, where the sacrament was offered, followed by a short prayer. Then, advancing on the sedia gestatoria to the high altar, he pronounced a solemn benediction according to the plenary indulgence.

By 1:15 he had returned to his private apartments, having performed the ceremonies with great apparent satisfaction. He was smiling broadly when he stepped into the motor car, which was taken up by the pontifical coach. The pope, having again covered his head and holding in his right hand a crucifix and in his left a lighted candle, knelt at the threshold amid the strains of the "Te Deum."

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GEN. HUGHES INVADERS PANAY

American Forces Taking the Aggressive—Belated—Announcement of the Capture of Several Towns.

HOLOI, Nov. 13.—The island of Panay, Capiz, Iloilo, and other parts of the Visayan group, has been captured by the insurgents' hands.

Today the American forces are taking the aggressive for the first time and are moving out to cover and hold more territory. Up to the present we have been on the defensive, and Iloilo and nothing more. The Twenty-sixth regiment, under Colonel Rice, arrived here two weeks ago from the United States.

"We at home knew," said officers of this regiment, "that our troops were in Panay, but we had the impression they occupied the island, the important coast towns at least were ours; that our possession was more than nominal. Hence we are surprised to see the American forces actually besieged by the insurgents upon three miles of land immediately surrounding Iloilo."

People in the United States may have the same ideas as had the officers of the Twenty-sixth regiment, and to them it would be well to say that our lines up to the present embrace the suburbs of Jaro and Molo, both within three miles of this port and nothing more. Insurgent trenches are charged to the north and west and outpost firing is in being at any time.

With the coming of reinforcements in the midst of a typhoon that swept the country with driving rain, flooded rice fields and destroyed the crops, the Twenty-sixth regiment, composed of the Eighteenth regulars, under Colonel Carpenter, the Second battalion of the Twenty-sixth regiment, two battalions of the Nineteenth, light battery G of the Sixth artillery, under Captain Brigidon and Captain Gordon, were charged to the north and west and outpost firing is in being at any time.

The objective point of the expedition was the supposed insurgent stronghold at Santa Barbara, eight miles north of Jaro, but as the line of the coast rose two points, likewise Cordoba, four miles north of Tigbauan.

Company C of the Twenty-sixth regiment had the only contact with the rebels on the first night out. One of the men of the company, James A. Gordon, was killed near Santa Barbara, was seriously wounded, two of the enemy were found dead when the trenches were captured and much ammunition fell into our hands as a result of the brush.

Today General Hughes' column is resting at four towns mentioned, waiting for ammunition and provisions to be conveyed to it and also for the rains to stop and the country to dry.

The town of San Miguel, within eight of Holo, was partly fired by the rebels when they thought our troops were about to enter. The town of Holo, which presents a woe-begone and dismantled appearance, a third of the place is in ruins and the partial reconstruction of business houses and the humble dwellings of the poor, with debris from the conflagration of February 11, remains one of the wreck after a western cyclone.

Survivors of the Civil War Remembered by the Government. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The United States government today observed the issue of December 9, Nebraska: Original—Joseph J. Newcomb, South Omaha, Neb.; Original—John A. Moore, Frankford, Wis.; Original—Francis M. Stegall, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Original—John G. Neff, dead, Monroe, Mo.; Original—Edwin Bradway, Magnolia, Mo.; Original—John A. Moore, Frankford, Wis.; Original—Lucy A. Games, Des Moines, 32; Original—Austin A. Hill, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Burial Place of Maine Veterans. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary Allen of the Navy department, who has charge of the preliminary arrangements for interring the remains of the Maine's dead at Arlington next Thursday, has selected as a site for their last resting place a beautiful grassy knoll just this side of the Arlington dead line.

Three Hundred Girls Thrown Out. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The six-story brick building at 131-132 William street was gutted by fire today and the adjoining structure at 132 and 138 were damaged slightly. The fire resulted in a loss of about \$30,000. The burned building, which was

Wetson Cotes Charleston Report. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Admiral Watson has cabled the Navy department the results of the court of inquiry into the cause of the wreck of the United States cruiser Wetson, which was sunk at the coast of Luzon some time ago. The information contained in the dispatch agrees with that given in the Associated Press dispatch and relieves the officers of the ship from responsibility for the disaster.

Plan of Gulf Reorganization. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The Philadelphia reorganization committee of the Kansas banks and the Gulf Railroad company and its terminal companies has formally declared operative the modified plan for the reorganization of the properties mentioned. Pursuant to the requirements of the stock listing committee of the New York Stock exchange, all of the depositaries of the reorganization committee will receive the proceeds of any of the securities included in the plan without penalty until January 6, 1900.

Funds for Lavton Family. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Mayor Geary and Sheriff Taylor today announced to the president of the Chamber of Commerce in the principal city of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, and Texas, inviting contributions to the fund for the relief of the family of the late John Jacob Lavton of New York, who was killed by General Lester in Cuba.

REMAINS OF DUKE CREMATED

Late Duke of Westminster Was Active in Promotion of Cremation—President of Society.

DETAILS OF GLOBE FAILURE

National Bank Examiner Wring Gives Out a Statement—President Cote to Blame.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—National Bank Examiner G. D. Wring, temporary receiver for the Globe National bank, gave out a statement today in which he said that the course of his regular examination of the bank's affairs September 9 he found \$600,000 of Globe checks outstanding which did not appear on the books.

President Charles N. Cote admitted this to be his personal loan. Feeling that the bank at that time would cause dire results, Messrs. Bigelow, Cole and Wring went to Washington and laid the matter before Comptroller Dawes. Mr. Wring then said:

"Mr. Bigelow then agreed to personally agree that Cote's shares should be sold to the bank at once, Cote having turned over certain securities to him, and Messrs. Clark and Coolidge assisting in the guarantee."

"The comptroller of the currency directed that Mr. Cote should resign as president, that the whole matter should be laid before the directors and that I should at the proper time report the facts to the district attorney. At this time Messrs. Coolidge and Clark were each borrowing not more than \$100,000 of the bank with plenty of security, and each had about \$75,000 cash on deposit. Mr. Bigelow owed not more than that and had more than enough on deposit to pay his loan."

On the following Monday Coolidge and Clark gave Cote \$200,000, Cote adding \$200,000 of his own money and repaid \$200,000 of \$500,000. The balance was repaid in three days by the sale of Cote's securities, a part being bought by Coolidge and Clark through their respective brokers.

"The bank's assets were then valued at \$500,000 in cash. About a month later the full board of directors and further investigation showed that there were \$200,000 more of checks outstanding not on the books and that the regular bank of Lowell Arms company was really much in excess of the amount shown by the books and that Mr. Cote was himself personally the holder of nearly \$500,000 of the Lowell paper."

"There was found also an apparent overdraft of the Squires' amounting to \$25,000 in addition to the regular overdraft which itself was in excess of the \$100,000 limit."

"Mr. Cote admitted his responsibility for this overdraft, either to the bank or to the Squires, and turned over to the bank his own securities, including the Lowell paper owned by him, to secure the entire indebtedness, for which he assumed responsibility. This overdraft amounting to \$25,000 was the security turned over at their then market value were considerably in excess of this demand."

"The six directors and Coolidge and Clark went into a written guarantee that the securities would be sufficient to make good the overdraft. Mr. Cote, however, was elected president November 1, 1899, and Messrs. Coolidge and Clark have

BUFFALO BILL'S RED MEN

Colonel Cody Talks on Proposed Restrictions to Be Placed on Indians.

HE DECLARES SUCH IDEA IS FOOLISHNESS

Spends a Day Pleasantly in Omaha En Route to His Home at North Platte—His Christmas Presentation.

Colonel W. F. Cody, more generally known as "Buffalo Bill," was in the city Sunday, registered at the Merchants hotel. The colonel was looking in the pink of condition and during the day he held a levee with friends who called at the hotel.

Colonel Cody was en route from New York, where he has been reorganizing his Wild West show, to North Platte to spend the Christmas season at home. When asked how long he expected to remain in Nebraska he responded:

"I will probably be back here in Omaha about January 8. You know I may have to go to Washington. The new Indian commissioner seems to have got it into his head that he is not going to let us have any more Indians for show purposes; at least he is quoted in press dispatches. Now, whenever there is an Indian uprising the government has always seemed mighty glad to avail itself of my services in treating with the Indians. It is a fact that none of the Indians who have ever gone out with our show have ever afterwards been involved in any uprising."

In regard to the alleged claim of the commissioner that traveling with the show and showing the aboriginal costumes and customs has a tendency to deter them from adopting the raiment and following the customs of civilization, it is well known that an Indian who has ever been around the country with the Wild West show is more apt to adopt the white man's dress than one who has remained on the reservation, and is much more apt to take to the ways of the white man. Why, I always give each Indian in my employ a suit of clothes at the end of the season. This is an Indian on a reservation and prohibiting him from leaving it is a great deal like putting him in prison, and is not calculated to advance his civilization. The Indians that go out with me are paid all the way from \$25 a month up to \$50 and \$75. They enjoy the opportunity to earn the money, and I really believe that if the Indians understood that they were to be prohibited from going out in this way with the show to earn money, it would occasion an uprising among them of itself. I do not believe that any evil effects in the way of retarding the civilization of the Indians can be charged to the traveling with the Wild West show. I know that it aids in their civilization and I may have to go to Washington to present the matter in that light to the authorities in Indian affairs."

While the Merchants yesterday, Colonel Cody made a presentation speech incident to the giving of a diamond ring to Mrs. William McCune, wife of William McCune, who is officer of the day for the Wild West show. The ring was a present from Mrs. McCune's husband, but Colonel Cody made the speech and it was one of his cleverest.

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LOSS FROM INCENDIARY FIRE.

STOCK FALLS S. D. Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Information from Aurora county states that B. Spiesman, a prominent farmer, suffered a great loss through the work of an incendiary. During the absence of the family from home some unknown person set fire to his granary and cattle shed, resulting in the total destruction of 1,000 bushels of wheat, 600 bushels of barley and 400 bushels of oats. Sixteen young cattle were also burned to death and a considerable amount of farm machinery destroyed.

MAMMOTH ICE HOUSE DESTROYED.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Dec. 24.—The mammoth ice house of the Spring Lake Ice company, located on Spring Lake, two miles northeast of this city, was totally destroyed by fire this morning, entailing a loss of upward of \$1,000,000. It was built one year ago by Chicago capitalists headed by the Barry Brothers of the Chicago Independent tug line. About 70,000 tons of ice of last year's cut still remained in the building.

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AMUSEMENTS.

BOYD'S. Woodward & Burgess, Managers, Tel. 106. TONIGHT—TUESDAY NIGHT. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MATINEE THIS AFTERNOON. Hoyt's best and most humorous offerings.

"A Trip to Chinatown."

An excellent comedy, headed by Harry Chase. Next attraction—WEDNESDAY MATINEE, DEC. 27. Mme. EMMA NEVADA. Seats now on sale.

MORAND'S

Dancing School. 15th and Harvey. New term. New classes for children and adults the first week in January. For terms and particulars, call as above.

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Christmas Matinee. CREIGHTON HALL. Dancing from 2:30 to 6 p. m. Admission, 5c. Children, 25c. Dinner's Full Orchestra.

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she was relieved of her cough and she also found it made her sleep better." Dr. Kay's Lung Balm does just what we say it does without the aid of any stupefying or dyspepsia-breeding drugs.

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