

## NOTED WOMAN DEAD.

Miss Frances Willard, President of the National W. C. T. U. Passes Away.

Her Condition Had Been Critical for Several Days and Death Was Not Unexpected—In Her Death Virtue Loses a Champion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, died shortly after midnight this morning, at the Hotel Empire, this city. Miss Willard had suffered for some years



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from profound anemia, and on several occasions had been given up to die. On her arrival here five weeks ago she was much prostrated and readily took the grip, which attacked the stomach, liver, intestines and later the nervous system. The disease progressed favorably and in many respects she had greatly improved when the fatal issue came and overwhelmed the nerve centers. There was no cancerous degeneration of any organ as has been stated. There will be funeral services in New York city and later in Evanston, Ill., Miss Willard's home, where the body will be taken.

Frances Elizabeth Willard was born in Churchville, near Rochester, N. Y., September 28, 1839. Her father, Josiah F. Willard, and her mother, Mary Thompson Hill, were married in 1831. They went to Oberlin, O., in 1840, and remained there until 1843, when they became pioneers in Wisconsin. At 14 she first attended school. At 16 she received a prize from the Illinois Agricultural society for an essay on "Country Homes." She went to Milwaukee College for women in 1857, and in 1859 was graduated from the Women's college of the Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill. She began teaching in 1861, and rose to be dean of the college from which she had been graduated. She wrote much for the religious and philanthropic press and largely without her own name.

Miss Willard early became the leader of the new movement of the modern temperance reform. She resigned her position in the Northwestern university at Evanston to travel in its interest. She spoke once a day on an average for the first ten years of her temperance work. She participated in almost all the prohibition campaigns for constitutional amendments. She edited the Chicago Daily Post from 1888 until it was merged into the Chicago News. Her specialty for the past 24 years was the development of women and temperance. The World's W. C. T. U. was projected by her and she was its president. In 1888 she was made president of the American branch of the International Council of Women and of the World's Christian Temperance union, which she had founded five years before, and she was repeatedly re-elected.

## SUFFRAGE RESOLUTIONS.

Demand Equal Rights with Men and Ask for a 16th Amendment to the Constitution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The most important matter that came before the National Woman's Suffrage association yesterday was the consideration of the report of the committee on resolutions.

The resolutions which were adopted, demand for women citizens equality with males in the exercise of the elective franchise, ask for a 16th amendment to the constitution to bring this about, demand for mothers equal custody and control of their minor children, and for wives and widows an equal use and inheritance of property, and ask for women representation on boards of education, public schools, etc.

The Missouri State Equal Suffrage association is represented by two factions, one led by Mrs. Ella Harrison and the other by Mrs. Victoria Conkling Whitney, the president of the state equal suffrage club. Neither faction has yet been recognized.

## DE LOME CRITICISED.

The Spanish Government Officially Disclaims the Reflections in His Letter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Spain has officially disclaimed in a positive manner the reflections contained in the De Lome letter. As officially announced by the state department yesterday, the incident is satisfactorily closed. A telegram from Madrid said a decree was gazetted accepting the resignation of Senor Dupuy de Lome as minister of Spain at Washington and severely criticising him.

Jefferson's Birthday to Be Celebrated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Thomas Jefferson's birthday anniversary will be celebrated on April 13 by the National Association of Democratic clubs with a subscription dinner in this city which in nearly every respect will be a repetition of the famous dinner here in 1807. As was the case last year, Mr. Bryan will be the principal speaker this year. He has already accepted the invitation of President Chauncey F. Black.

## The Eastern Division Sold.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 18.—The eastern division of the Kansas Pacific road, 140 miles in length, was sold under the first mortgage this morning at the Union Pacific depot in North Topeka. The property was bought in by Mr. Alvin W. Kreeb, on the part of the reorganization committee, for \$4,500,000.

## AUDITOR MOORE FREE.

Nebraska Supreme Court Holds He Was Not Guilty as an Officer.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.—Ex-State Auditor Eugene Moore, under sentence of eight years for embezzlement, was turned loose by the supreme court yesterday. Moore was short \$23,000 when he left office, being money he had received from the various insurance companies as fees for the privilege of doing business in the state. His defense was that he was not guilty of embezzlement as a state officer, because he was not by law charged with the collection and safekeeping of these moneys, the payment to him being in accord with an old custom of the office. The supreme court holds that the money he embezzled was not the money of the state, but that of the insurance companies. As the latter enjoyed long since all of the privileges this money was to pay for, this means that Moore will escape scot free.

## HITCH IN THE PROGRAMME.

Nearly Half the Democrats in Kentucky House Revolt Against Force Bill.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 19.—There is big political excitement here. Within one of half the democratic members of the general assembly refused to attend a caucus called for the consideration of the Goebel resolution (force bill), which has already passed the senate, and which the dissenters claim, it was sought to force the house democrats to vote for. The fight, which has been growing intensely for several days, has come to involve nearly every democratic leader in the state, as well as the next race for governor and United States senator. Opinion is about equally divided as to whether the bill can now be forced through the house. There is equal diversity of opinion as to what the result will be if it is.

## MRS. STEVENS IN CHARGE.

She Will Temporarily Manage National W. C. T. U.—Miss Willard's Funeral Arrangements.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Miss L. M. N. Stevens, national vice president of the W. C. T. U., will carry on Miss Willard's work for the present and no election will take place until the next regular convention. Mrs. Stevens and Miss Willard's secretary, Anna Gordon, with other national officers, will accompany the remains to Chicago. There the body will lie in state for a day in the Woman's Temple building before being taken to Evanston. Formal services over the remains will be held in New York Sunday. The body will then be sent to Chicago. On Thursday final services will be held from the First Methodist church at Evanston, with which Miss Willard was connected.

## Bogus National Bank Note.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The secret service has discovered a new counterfeit \$10 national bank note. It is on the Hibernal national bank, of New Orleans, series 1882, check letter B, Rosecrans register, Nebeker treasurer. It is a photographic production of poor workmanship, printed on two pieces of paper, pasted together. The coloring is applied only in spots and no attempt has been made to imitate the silk threads to be found in the genuine.

## Letter Denies He is Selling Wheat.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Joseph Leiter makes emphatic denial that he disposed of 5,000,000 bushels of his May holdings of wheat during Thursday's excited trading. He was credited with making a profit of \$500,000. He says: "I not only did not sell a bushel of wheat Thursday, but bought wheat. The current prices are only the beginning of a range from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel. That is what I propose to sell my wheat at."

## Monument to Lafayette.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A movement has been set afoot to have the United States erect a monument to Gen. Lafayette in the city of Paris, to be dedicated during the Paris exposition. President McKinley and Assistant Secretary Day have shown much interest in the matter which has been brought officially to the attention of congress through resolutions offered in both houses.

## Suffers to Save a Woman.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Oswald Miner, of Pittsburgh, came to Chicago and had several pieces of skin removed from his arm by surgeons in the hope of saving the life of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Leur Richards. The woman was burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove five months ago, and twice before the grafting operation was tried without success.

## A. O. U. W. Favors "Classified" Plan.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 19.—The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in session here yesterday adopted the "classified" plan of assessment of its members, instead of adhering to the "level" plan, which has been in vogue. This plan will encourage younger men to join the order, which it has felt a need of in later years.

## President McKinley to Visit Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 19.—President McKinley will deliver an address at Iowa college, Grinnell, in June, on the occasion of the celebration of the semi-centennial of the institution. The exact date has not been fixed, but will be decided to suit the convenience of the president, coming during the commencement week, the latter part of the month.

## THREE APPEALS ISSUED.

Leaders of the Silver Forces Urge Their Followers to Unite.

Anti-Gold Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans Admonished to Work Harmoniously for Republican Defeat All Along the Line.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The addresses on behalf of the democratic, populist and silver republican parties, which are the result of the conferences which have been in progress among the leaders of these parties at the capital for the past few weeks, were issued yesterday. They seek to unite the members of the three parties in future elections upon the financial issue as the question of paramount importance, and are separate appeals to each of the parties to consolidate all along the lines for this purpose. The address to democrats is signed by Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the democratic national committee, and is endorsed by the democratic congressional committee; that to the populists by Senator Marion Butler, chairman of the populist national committee, and the 25 other populist members of the senate and house, and that of the silver republicans by Chairman Charles Towne and the silver republicans in the senate and house and also by ex-Senator Dubois. All the addresses are of considerable length. The democratic address opens as follows:

The surrender of the republican party to the advocates of the gold standard and monopoly is at last complete. The present administration, called to power on the solemn pledge of the republican national convention at St. Louis to promote bimetalism, has formulated and sent to congress a bill, the leading purpose of which, the honorable secretary of the treasury avows, is to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard. The country has already, for 24 years, been so thoroughly committed to this standard, partly by law and partly by usurpations of the executive branch of the government, that its effects are seen and felt on every hand; wages are reduced; work is harder to get; the weight of debt is doubled; the value of land and other property is reduced one-half or more, until the lives of the people are "made bitter with hard bondage." It is certainly not in the interest of humanity to have this condition of things more thoroughly established. The continued rise in the value of gold, or which is the same thing, the continued fall of prices, must inevitably transfer the property of all those engaged in active business or by hand, brain or capital, to those who, avoiding the risk and effort of active business, only draw interest.

It concludes by saying: After the bold declaration of the administration in favor of the gold standard no sincere bimetalist can ever again, by his vote or influence, give aid or encouragement to the republican party. The issue is joined; we cannot avoid it if we would. Either the friends of bimetalism or the advocates of the gold standard trusts and monopolies must succeed. Who is not for us is against us. We are asking no man to abandon his party or change his politics; we ask no one to yield any principle; but in this great contest we do appeal to all good men to stand solidly together for liberty and humanity and strike down forever this conspiracy of gold and monopoly.

The populist address says:

The conspiracy of gold and monopoly is nearing culmination. Every advance it has made during the last 25 years has been by adroit and stealthy process. These would have been impossible if it had not had its agents and confederates holding positions of public trust in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the government. Neither the beneficiaries nor the tools of this conspiracy have any particular politics. In name the last administration is called republican, but it has ingloriously practiced and defended the perfidious policies of its predecessor.

We do not arraign any political party on partisan grounds. We arraign a system and denounce a conspiracy. We condemn individuals and organizations that support this system and aid the conspiracy. A party that is the mouthpiece and agent of this conspiracy is just as dangerous under one name as under another. In every campaign the gold syndicate and all the allied trusts and monopolies combine. They select the candidates that they have selected. Of course, they control them after they are elected. Therefore, those who are not their agents and who would not submit to their tyrannous spoliation should strenuously oppose the allied combination of gold and monopoly.

The paper of the silver republicans says:

The cunning plans of the beneficiaries of the gold standard and the advocates of monopoly are just nearing completion. They need but to win one more victory to become supreme, and to be able to defy the sovereignty of the people for generations. Honest men should hesitate no longer if opposed to the establishment of the gold standard in all its rigor. If opposed to the retirement of government currency, if opposed to the erection of a great association of banks of issue as the all dominating power in the nation, if opposed to every kind of trust and monopoly, the offspring and adjunct of the money power.

Patriots and citizens, we call upon you to unite in this great common service to citizenship and patriotism. No man need surrender his party convictions. No existing organization need be abandoned. While striving to overthrow a common enemy no good purpose is served by emphasizing points on which we differ. But until this final assault of the enemy upon the last ramparts of our industrial and social independence is repelled, until the control of the money system of the country is rescued from the hands of special interests and secured to the whole people, the members of the great armies of political reform in every part of the United States should act in mutual justice and harmonious co-operation for the general welfare. To this subject, thus urged upon our friends everywhere, we hereby pledge jointly and severally our earnest and constant endeavor.

## The Earth's Second Satellite Found.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Dr. George Waltemath, of Hamburg, Germany, has discovered the second satellite of the earth, the existence of which has been long suspected. According to Dr. Waltemath the new planet is only 1-133 the size of the moon. Its diameter is 94.4 miles. Its period is a trifle over 177 days and it will be nearest the earth April 8, at noon, Greenwich time.

## AVENGING SON KILLED.

A Mexico Boy's Murder Caused by That of His Father Fourteen Years Ago.

MONTEREY, Mex., Feb. 21.—Fourteen years ago Rito Martin, owner of the Venados ranch in this state, killed Adrian Padilla, and fled. He returned to the scene of the murder recently and gave himself up to the authorities, but owing to the lapse of time and lack of witnesses he was allowed to go free. Ezequiel Padilla, the 19-year-old son of the murdered man, vowed vengeance on the slayer of his father and, after Martin had been released by the authorities, he met him and attempted to shoot the murderer. Before he could shoot Martin shot the young man, killing him instantly. Martin again fled and has not been captured.

## WOULD RUN FOR GOVERNOR.

Rev. Sam Jones an Independent Candidate on a Platform Opposing Free Schools.

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Feb. 21.—Rev. Sam P. Jones, the evangelist, has issued a formal announcement of his candidacy for governor. The announcement came in the nature of a surprise and created the biggest political sensation in Georgia in years. Mr. Jones has not yet announced his platform, but it is known he will run as an independent and oppose especially Georgia's free school system.

## May Be Named Willard Temple.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The fate of the temple of the Woman's Christian Temperance union is more in doubt than ever. Miss Willard was believed to be the only person who could raise the debt and save the temple, and Miss Willard is gone. One plan, however, has been proposed that is generally approved. It is to change the name of the building to Willard temple and solicit funds for it for a monument to the great temperance leader.

## Business Failures for the Week.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Bradstreet's says: Business failures continue to decrease, aggregating only 269 for the week, against 273 last week, 325 in the corresponding week of 1897, 276 in 1896, 327 in 1895 and 233 in 1894. Of the total number of concerns failing, 31 per cent. had a capital stock not exceeding \$5,000 and 95 per cent. had a capital below \$20,000.

## Six Million Envelopes Stolen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The theft of 6,000,000 envelopes from the rooms of the republican congressional committee was made public and detectives arrested James Varner and Robert Mills, who are charged with the theft. The envelopes stolen are of the kind used by congress for the free mailing of speeches and documents and are valued at \$1,000 per 1,000,000.

## Unusual Storm in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21.—A severe storm of sand, lightning and wind struck New Orleans Saturday. The gale was so heavy that in the rear of the city sheds were knocked down, chimneys toppled over, trees uprooted and fences laid low. Telegraph and telephone wires were crippled in many quarters. Forty thousand dollars is a rough estimate of the loss.

## Two Lives for a Woman.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 21.—Joseph Adams and Thomas Barnes fought a duel over a woman last night. Adams was shot through the body and died, while Barnes is dying from wounds inflicted with a bowie knife. The men have been rivals for some time. They met unexpectedly on the street, and at once sprang upon each other.

## Pneumonia in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—Out of a total of 188 deaths last week 40 were caused by pneumonia and other diseases of the respiratory organs. Consumption claimed 20; old age, 15; diphtheria, 1; croup, 3; scarlatina, 1; typhoid fever, 1. Cases of contagious diseases were reported to the number of 111. During the corresponding week in 1897, 214 deaths occurred.

## Virginians Friendly to Silver.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 21.—The house of delegates has passed a bill offered by Judge Watkins to authorize state banks now in existence and such as may be hereafter chartered to issue notes to be redeemed in silver bullion at its retail market value. This measure is designed to avoid by indirection the ten per cent. tax on state banks.

## Colored Man Would Be a Trader.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—Charles W. Tidwell, a colored man, has applied for membership in the Merchants' exchange and his name is posted on the roll of applicants in the big hall. He is the first colored man who ever aspired to membership in the exchange. Several members say they will fight his admission.

## To Hypnotize Incurable Girls.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 21.—As a solution of the difficulties at the state industrial school for girls, where there have been of late numerous violent outbreaks among the inmates, it is proposed to hypnotize the incorrigibles, and while they are in that state suggestions will be made which may influence them toward better lives.

## Miss Frances E. Willard's Will.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—By the terms of the will of Miss Frances E. Willard, late president of the W. C. T. U., her estate will pass into the Temple fund, after the life interests of her secretary, Miss Anna Gordon, and of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary R. Willard, have expired. The estate is valued at \$20,000.

## PATRIOTIC AMERICA.

Uncle Sam Will Have Plenty of Help If He Wants to Fight Spain.

Commander-in-Chief Gobin Says Now Is the Time for Grand Army Men to Stand Together—Support from Various States.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 18.—Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, attended the encampment of the Delaware G. A. R. last night, and in the course of an address touched upon the Maine disaster. He said: "If there is ever a time when Grand Army men should stand together, it is now, when the sword is half out of the scabbard. Leading opinion of the Grand Army wants to know whether it was an accident or a dastardly crime. If it was an accident, amends can be made, but if it is a crime, God help some one who will have to pay the penalty." Gen. Gobin's words were greeted with tremendous applause.

## Kansas Militia Ready to Move.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 18.—Gov. Leedy said yesterday: "If President McKinley decides to declare war against Spain he will find Kansas ready. We can have the entire state militia ready to move on 24 hours' notice. Kansas has never been behind on these matters, and it never will be." The governor also said that he would be glad to lead the Kansas troops, providing he could get away. Twenty-one students in the senior class of the Kansas Medical college here last night signed an agreement to tender their services as surgeons to the United States government in case of war over the Maine affair. Beginning to-day the faculty will give a special course in military surgery.

## Gov. Tanner Tenders Support.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 18.—Gov. Tanner called on the legislature to authorize him to tender to the president of the United States the "moral and material support" of Illinois, "to prevent or punish any attempt at hostile invasion of our country." This he did in a message to the senate and house. The state senate in the afternoon unanimously adopted a joint resolution endorsing the action of the governor in issuing the message and formally authorizing him to tender to the president of the United States all moral and material support that may be necessary in this emergency to maintain the proper dignity of our republic and the honor of the American flag." The resolution was unanimously concurred in by the house.

## Gen. Fitzhugh Lee Commended.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 18.—Both houses of the legislature yesterday passed resolutions ordering the national and state flags over the state capitol half-masted for 24 hours, as a mark of respect to the American sailors who perished at their posts of duty on the Maine. The house also passed a resolution declaring that the state recognizes with pride the wise courage with which Fitzhugh Lee is guarding American interests.

## Patriotic Sentiment in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—Representative Frederick introduced an order in the Massachusetts house of representatives yesterday instructing the joint committee on military affairs to make an investigation into the armament of the artillery of the militia of this commonwealth and to report as soon as possible to the general court whether any action by the legislature is necessary in order to secure the effectiveness of the militia if called into action.

## Action on Cuba Wanted.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 18.—A resolution will be offered in the Cincinnati chamber of commerce to-day calling upon congress to take some action in regard to Cuba. It commends the conservative policy of the present and preceding administrations, but says that in the interest of humanity and of the commercial relations that have so long been disturbed some stop should be put to the present condition of affairs.

## Treachery of Spain Denounced.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 18.—A resolution was offered in the legislature yesterday, and set for consideration to-day, instructing the senators and requesting the representatives in congress from Kentucky to do all in their power to secure the independence of Cuba. The resolution denounces the treachery of Spain and the failure of autonomy and all other efforts of the United States government to secure peace.

## Opinion of Missouri's Governor.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 18.—Gov. Stephens stated last night that he had received no request from President McKinley for troops, nor anything regarding the mobilization of the N. G. M. for war purposes. He stated further that if it should be ascertained that the Maine disaster was the work of the enemy, then congress should declare war at once.

## Sigsbee Gave Warning.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—"Don't send any more warships here. They are prepared to blow us up." What will be thought of the theory of an accident to the Maine when it is known that such a warning was sent to Washington from Havana several days ago? Warning of the disaster which befell the battleship Maine was received in Washington some time ago and apparently disregarded. If not disregarded, the secret of the anxiety of officials was well kept.