

DROPS FREE SILVER.

Bryan Willing That Question of Ratio Shall Be Relegated.

In an interview the Nebraskan Declares That the Money-Changers of Wall Street Are the Curse of Our Political Institutions.

New York, Jan. 29.—William Jennings Bryan has announced his idea of the paramount issue. It is neither gold nor silver; it is "whether or not the money changers shall rule this country." In the face of this issue he is willing that 16 to 1 be relegated to the background. Up to this time Mr. Bryan has consistently refused to pronounce upon the probable relative importance which the various questions would assume during the coming presidential campaign.

"I have believed ever since the 1900 campaign," he said, "that it is no longer a question of gold and silver. It is the larger question of whether or not the money changers shall rule the country. The silver question is not of paramount importance now, nor is that of labor or trusts. It is a large question and includes them all. What measure for the relief of the masses is there that they (the money changers) do not oppose? Do you know of any? Whether a measure is proposed for the benefit of labor or for the destruction of the trusts or what not, so it be for the benefit of the plain people, it is opposed in Wall street.

"What is the use of a party fighting trusts when bankers sit in Wall street with their vaults full of watered stock and contribute to the campaign fund? Or what is the use of espousing the cause of labor when its enemies sit high in the councils of the party?"

Asked what comment he had to make on the statement by John Sharp Williams, minority leader in the house of representatives at Washington, that the free silver issue is dead, he propounded this query in return: "There are tens of thousands of people who express opinions about me almost daily. I presume. Suppose I were to commence to comment on them all, what time would I have for anything else? No, I do not care to discuss other persons' opinions."

AN ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT.

Congressman Benny, of New Jersey, Seeks to Belittle the President's Courage—Reference to Free Trains.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The house Thursday considered the deficiency bill. Mr. Benny (N. J.) took occasion to pay his respects to President Roosevelt in sarcastic words. "You brag and blow about the great courage of your president," he said, turning to the republicans. "The man who is a brave and courageous man is a man who dares to do right. The man who shoots a lion or a Spaniard in the back does not necessarily have to be courageous." The prophecy that to nominate Mr. Roosevelt for vice president would take him out of New York politics did not come true. He said it was proposed to stop the use of carriages by department officials and asked if anything was done to stop the president from using a free train, declaring that he had heard that a free train was placed at his disposal.

TO FEED THE RUSSIANS.

Three Million Pounds of Beef in Seventy Cars Reached San Francisco from Kansas City and Omaha.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Three special freight trains have just arrived here from Kansas City and Omaha with a large quantity of mess beef destined for the Russian army in the orient. In the three trains there was an aggregate of about 70 cars, and they contained over 3,000,000 pounds of beef. The trains came west on fast time, in order that the beef could be carried across the Pacific on the steamer sailing from here the end of this month or early in February. This large shipment is to be split in two on the other side, half going to Port Arthur and the remainder to Vladivostok.

PET DOG AWOKED HIM.

Then a St. Louis Druggist Killed One Burglar and Put Two Others to Flight.

St. Louis, Jan. 29.—Awakened from slumber by the barking of his pet dog, Paul W. Deichman ran from his sleeping room into his drug store and there fought a pistol duel with one burglar and instantly killed another over whom he stumbled. Eight shots were exchanged, all at close range. The burglar whom Deichman first encountered fled when the druggist turned and killed his companion, but it is believed that he, too, was wounded. Outside the store he stumbled, but escaped with a third man who had acted as "look-out."

For Roosevelt and Walbridge.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 29.—The Fifth district republican congressional convention elected J. H. Harris and Wallace Love delegates to the republican national convention. They are instructed for Roosevelt and Walbridge.

ACTED ON HAY'S ADVICE.

Secretary of State Asked the President to Resist Sending Further Panama Correspondence to the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The course of the republican majority in the United States senate in insisting upon an amendment to the Culberson resolution calling upon the president of the United States for information relative to the negotiations and events in a diplomatic way leading up to the revolution on the isthmus of Panama was prompted directly from the white house. It is an open secret that President Roosevelt insisted upon this amendment as due to the dignity of his office, particularly in view of the language he has used in messages he has already sent to the senate.

The senate voted Friday on the Culberson amendment inserting the discretionary clause and the motion prevailed, 39 to 20—a party vote with the exception of Mr. McEnery, of Louisiana, who voted with the republicans.

EX-MAYOR AMES IS FREE.

Minnesota Supreme Court Falls Back on "Old Technicality" to Release the Hoodlum Official.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 30.—The supreme court has quashed the indictment against Former Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, and the entire court held that the evidence was faulty. Judges Start, Collins and Lewis concurred in the majority opinion that the offense was not proven while Judges Lovely and Brown disagree with that part of the opinion of the majority.

Dr. Ames was charged and convicted in the district court of Hennepin county of receiving money illegally as mayor of Minneapolis from women. After his indictment by the grand jury, Ames fled and was captured in a New England city after the state had spent hundreds of dollars in the chase.

TO PREVENT ITS DOWNFALL?

Panama Dispatch Says Colombia Must Assume Hostile Attitude to Quiet Internal Dissatisfaction.

Panama, Jan. 30.—News reached here from Bogota that inasmuch as Gens. Reyes and Cavallero have assured Colombia that the United States will only object to her landing forces in the canal zone, the Colombian government intends to organize and send an expedition against Panama.

The only explanation of this news from Bogota is that the government of Colombia is compelled to take some steps to prevent its downfall. This is said to be imminent, as President Marroquin has lost all the prestige he ever had. There is much speculation in Bogota as to the outcome of this move should it be put through.

Twenty Miles of Tunnels.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Elimination of freight teaming in the business quarter is contemplated within a short time by the use to be made of the large tunnels under Chicago's downtown streets. There are now 20 miles of tunnel at a depth of 40 feet below the surface. This system has been built at a cost of \$8,000,000 by the Illinois Telegraph & Telephone company.

A World's Fair Passenger Station.

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—Plans have been completed for the erection of a passenger station near the main entrance of the world's fair grounds that will accommodate 12,000 persons and be used jointly by all the roads sending trains to the grounds. The station will cost about \$60,000 but will be but a temporary structure for use only during the exposition.

Delegate McGuire Under Charges.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Charges have been filed at the interior department against Bird S. McGuire, the delegate in the house from Oklahoma, charging that, in violation of the law, he has been prosecuting claims in behalf of Indians and accepting fees therefor while serving as a delegate in congress.

Elect a Contesting Delegation.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 30.—A number of republicans who participated in the Fifth congressional district republican primary met at the Midland hotel and elected Capt. A. C. Kinnear and James A. McLane as delegates to the national convention. They are for Roosevelt, but opposed to federal officeholders manipulating conventions.

Illinois Monument at Vicksburg.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—The state of Illinois will erect a monument in the National Military park in Vicksburg, Miss., to the 14,000 Illinois soldiers and sailors who participated in the siege of that city from March 29 to July 4, 1863. The structure will cost \$150,000. It will be in the shape of a rotunda or circular shape.

"Church of This World" Tied Up.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 30.—The Church of This World has suspended business and its founder and pastor, Dr. J. E. Roberts, has left Kansas City and returned to his farm near Grant, Mich. Dr. Roberts' leaving was signaled by no demonstration on the part of his congregation.

AGENT ROBBED AND KILLED.

W. H. Broadstreet, the Frisco Operator at Granby, Mo., Resisted the Demands of Two Desperadoes.

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 1.—Station Agent W. H. Broadstreet, of the Frisco railroad at Granby, was shot and mortally wounded by two masked bandits Saturday night. While he was busy receiving a message two strangers walked up to the ticket window and one of them drew a revolver on him, demanding money. Broadstreet resisted and the robber deliberately fired the bullet taking effect in the side of his face near the mouth. The men then rifled the safe, which was unlocked, and secured about \$75. Broadstreet had some trouble in raising the alarm and he was suffering intensely when assistance arrived from town, a mile and a half from the depot. The wounded man was taken to town and medical aid was rendered, but physicians have given up hopes for his recovery.

PERISHED FROM THIRST.

The Bodies of Nearly Thirty Men Found on the Desert Between Moapa and Los Vegas, Nev.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 1.—The bodies of between 20 and 30 men who perished from thirst while attempting to cross the desert between Moapa and Los Vegas, Nev., have been found within a few weeks, according to advices received from the latter place. The men, it is believed, were mostly tramps who attempted to make the long journey on foot without sufficient supplies of food and water to carry them across. Many of the bodies found were without clothing and it is believed that the victims had gone insane from thirst and had wandered about in a nude condition in search of water.

OPEN AIR FOR CONSUMPTION.

Indiana Youth Has Completed Two Years of Sleeping Outdoors in All Kinds of Weather.

Warsaw, Ind., Jan. 31.—Russell Leonard, a youth of 16, residing south of this place, completed his second year of sleeping in the open air in all kinds of weather. He is battling for his life against tuberculosis. Only one night within the last two years has Leonard slept within the house. Out on his grandfather's veranda, with absolutely no shelter except the roof, but in a warm and comfortable bed, the youth spends each night and sleeps where he can breathe the pure atmosphere. He claims that this heroic treatment, without any medicine whatever is restoring his health. This was begun on the advice of the boy's physician that it was the only chance by which the disease might be overcome.

ANOTHER "GOLD BRICK."

Jacob Allen, a Wealthy Farmer Near Wellington, Kan., Had \$10,000 to Spend with Confidence Men.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 31.—Jacob Allen, a wealthy farmer of Wellington, Kan., was swindled in this city by gold brick men who sold him a worthless combination of tin, copper and other metal for \$10,000. Allen paid the cash for it, upon the recommendation of a supposed government assayer whose card bore the name of J. E. Stone, Philadelphia, that it was worth \$21,000, and that he would pay that much for it.

He Stole to Bury His Child.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 31.—Penniless and despondent, his dead babe lying unburied in his cheerless home, Charles Gartman resorted to theft to secure money for funeral expenses and was caught in the act of taking \$8 from a telephone box belonging to the Missouri & Kansas Telephone company. Then was developed one of the many sordid little tragedies which occur every day in the lives of the very poor.

Fatal Wreck at Miller, Kan.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—The Kansas and Colorado limited, on the Missouri Pacific railway, was wrecked at Miller, a small station ten miles west of Osage City, Kan., shortly after seven o'clock yesterday morning. W. L. Brown, of Des Moines, Ia., was killed and 20 persons were injured, five of them seriously. The train "split a switch" and every car was derailed.

Judge Scott Accused.

Tecumseh, Ok., Jan. 31.—Henry W. Scott, former associate justice of the Oklahoma supreme court, under appointment from President Cleveland, and now a resident of New York city, was arrested charged with securing money at Anadarko, Ok., upon false pretenses.

Sub After Senator Burton.

St. Louis, Jan. 31.—Naturalization frauds and Senator J. R. Burton, of Kansas, continue to be the subjects of investigation by the federal grand jury. Witnesses were summoned to appear in both investigations.

Gen. Sicles Suggests Black.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Gen. Daniei E. Sicles has named a new possibility for the democratic nomination. Gen. John G. Black is his choice.

PENSIONS FOR NEARLY ALL.

Congressman Sullaway, of New Hampshire, Would Increase the Pay of 125,394 Soldiers Now on the Rolls.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Representative Sullaway, of New Hampshire, chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, has introduced a distinctly service and age pension bill, which will give to each soldier who served 90 days and who reaches the age of 62 years, \$8 per month; 65 years, \$10 per month; and 70 years, \$12 per month. In addition to the above rates his bill gives to the men who served two years or more an additional increase of \$2 per month in each of the above classes. The bill increases the minimum of pensions allowed to \$8 per month, instead of \$6, which will increase the pensions of 125,394 soldiers who are now on the rolls at \$6 per month. The bill further provides that the pensions of widows who married the soldiers prior to January 1, 1870, and who are now on the rolls drawing \$8 shall be increased to \$12.

A VICTIM OF REVENGE?

Gov. Bailey Declares the Fight on Him by Republicans is Villainous—Will He Withdraw?

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 28.—The politicians here say Gov. Bailey is beaten and that it is only a matter of time until he withdraws from the unequal contest and permits Mr. Hoch to be nominated by acclamation. The governor says nothing for publication and carefully seals his lips when newspaper men approach him, but he talks freely to his friends. For instance, he said to a friend the day before he went to Seneca: "Well, if the worst comes I can go back to the farm, and time will vindicate me. This cannot put my light out and I will come back sometime and show these fellows a thing or two. I have tried to do my duty, and all talk to the contrary by the men who are fighting me is villainous. They are in this movement for revenge, and they are visiting it upon me."

CAR FARE WAS COSTLY.

Serious Collision on a St. Louis Electric Line While Conductor and Passenger Quarreled Over Five Cents.

St. Louis, Jan. 28.—More than 20 persons were injured, some of them fatally, when two cars on the Broadway line collided.

Both cars were northbound and traveling in a smoke fog so dense that it was impossible to make out an object as far as a block away. The accident occurred while the front car was stationary, owing to a quarrel between the conductor and a passenger over a fare. The second car was coming at high speed through the fog, the motorman, Christopher Juergin, ringing his gong. When less than 100 feet away, the front car loomed through the fog. Juergin stuck to his post but it was useless to try to avoid the crash.

NOT LULU PRINCE KENNEDY.

Woman on Trial for Murder of Her First Husband in Kansas City Was Married Again Last February.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 28.—The woman known as Mrs. Lulu Prince-Kennedy, on trial in the criminal court for the murder of her husband, Phillip Kennedy, is married again and is living with her second husband, John Kramer. Her name is Mrs. Lulu Prince-Kramer. They were married last February and are living at the Prince home, 715 Harrison street. Kramer is the receiver of the Gille Hardware company and has an office in the Heils building. He is a lawyer. The wedding took place at Edwardsville, Ill.

BURTON'S TRIAL MARCH 7.

In Federal Court at St. Louis the Accused United States Senator from Kansas Gave \$5,000 Bond.

St. Louis, Jan. 28.—In federal court Wednesday United States Senator Burton, charged with violating a federal law as attorney for the Rialto Grain company, gave \$5,000 bond. His bondsmen are Ernest H. Koster, George W. Adams and Herbert A. Vrooman. Federal Judge Adams set March 7 as the date for Mr. Burton's trial.

THE WHITE PEOPLE WON.

President Roosevelt Names a Successor to Mrs. Minnie Cox, Postmaster at Indianola, Miss.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The president has appointed W. B. Martin to succeed Mrs. Minnie Cox as postmaster at Indianola, Miss. This post office was closed some time ago, the white inhabitants of the place refusing to accept their mail from Mrs. Cox, who is a negro. Martin, who is a white man, was one of Mrs. Cox's bondsmen.

TROUBLE FOR MILLARD.

Alonso Cruzen Coming Home from Porto Rico to Run for United States Senator from Nebraska.

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 28.—Alonso Cruzen, formerly collector of customs of Porto Rico, has sailed for the United States. He says he will return direct to Nebraska where, his conversation indicated, he will open a campaign with the object of succeeding Joseph H. Millard in the United States senate.

MAYOR HARRISON FREED.

Judge Tutthill Held That Chicago's Executive Head Could Not Be Held for Mistakes of Subordinates.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—It was decided by Mayor Harrison to sue out a writ of habeas corpus for his immediate release from the coroner's jury charge holding him to the grand jury as one of the culprits responsible for the wholesale loss of life at the Iroquois theater fire.

Judge Tutthill consented to an immediate hearing of Mayor Harrison's application. The hearing had hardly begun when Judge Tutthill announced that it was wrong and improper to hold Mayor Harrison and that the evidence showed no crime, felony or misdemeanor. On those grounds alone, Judge Tutthill said, he would discharge the mayor. Mayor Harrison quickly interposed that in spite of the judge's inclination a discharge would not be accepted on these points, and asked that the ordinances be examined by the court. Accordingly an examination was immediately begun.

At three o'clock Judge Tutthill formally discharged Mayor Harrison.

ALLEGED BLACKMAILING CASE.

Mrs. Thurston's Coachman Being Tried for Demanding Money for Letters Said to Have Been Sent to Him by the Lady.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—James Gordon Tilbury, former coachman for Mrs. Hillis Thurston, a prominent society woman, was placed on trial yesterday for attempting to blackmail his employer. Tilbury claimed he had received letters from Mrs. Thurston and threatened her with their publication unless he was given \$12,500. Mrs. Thurston arranged to give him the money and officers placed him under arrest at the very moment he was receiving it. Mrs. Thurston declared that she had never written any letters to Tilbury and that the entire matter was a blackmailing scheme.

HE SEES TROUBLOUS TIMES.

Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, Tells Kansas Lawyers There Will Be War Between Capital and Labor.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 28.—Gov. A. B. Cummins, of Iowa, addressed the Kansas Bar association here last night at its annual meeting. His subject was "The Rights of Man." He said in part: "The present situation between labor and capital is tending toward war. Out of that war will come the settlement of the question of man and master. The government must restrict this trend of organization. Organization is all right, but it must be looked after by the law-makers and lawyers of the country."

IT IS A "YELLOW" STORY.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones Discredits Persistent Report of Intended "Uprising" Among Kootowah Band.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones discredited the report from Muskogee, I. T., of a threatened uprising among Cherokee Indians. He says the Kootowah band, to which the Cherokees were stated to belong, is composed almost entirely of fullblood Creek Indians, that there is only about one full-blood Cherokee to 99 other citizens of Indian territory and that these Cherokees are self-respecting, self-supporting agricultural people.

VIOLATED ANTI-LOTTERY LAW

Promoters of an Oklahoma Town Overstepped the Mark in Disposing of Lots to Speculators.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 28.—In an opinion prepared yesterday for the prosecuting attorney of Washita county, J. C. Roberts, the attorney general of Oklahoma, holds that the promoters of the townsite of Bessie could be proceeded against in the courts for violating the lottery laws of Oklahoma. Bessie, formerly Auxier, is in Washita county on the Blackwell, Enid & Southwestern railway.

Dead Man a Political Leader.

Macon, Mo., Jan. 28.—Elmer E. English, who was killed in the Burlington wreck at Gardeene creek, was a republican leader of Macon. He was going to St. Louis with Dr. E. B. Clement, republican committeeman from the First district. The men were seated, and it is reported here, were found closely wedged together, one dead, the other but slightly injured.

Bryan Will Fight for Silver.

Boston, Jan. 28.—William Jennings Bryan announced his intention to go to the St. Louis convention in person and fight for the cause of free silver. In the interview Mr. Bryan declared that the cause of free silver was far stronger than many supposed and that its adherents could summon votes enough to make it an issue in the coming campaign.

She Wrote "Bonnie Blue Flag."

New York, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Annie Chambers Ketchum, author of "The Bonnie Blue Flag," one of the most famous war songs of the confederacy, as well as of many other poems and prose writings, died yesterday in St. Vincent's hospital, after less than a week's illness, in her eightieth year.