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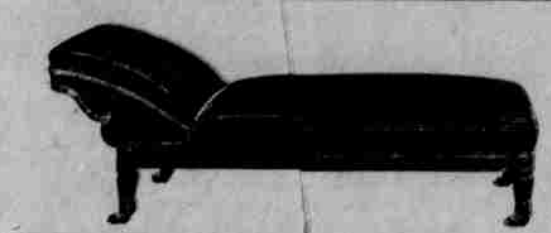
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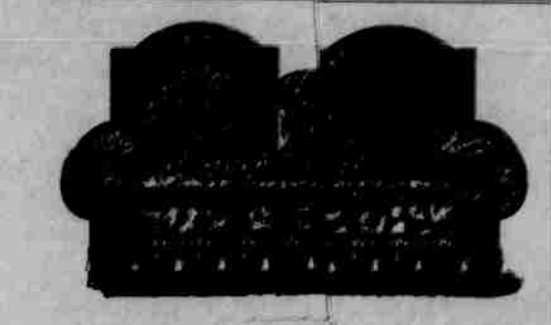
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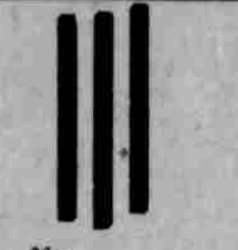
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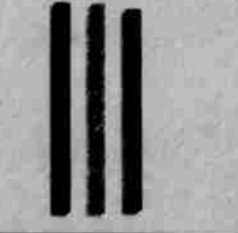


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ARBITRATION TREATY.

Senate Agrees to All the Amendments by Committee on Foreign Relations. WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Anglo-American arbitration treaty was advanced considerably towards final ratification by the Senate yesterday, and before the long executive session closed all the amendments recommended by the committee on foreign relations were agreed to without division. These amendments are: 1. To provide that all agreements for arbitration entered into by the executive branch of this government with the British government shall be subject to the ratification of the Senate. 2. Striking out the provision constituting members of the United States supreme court permanent members of the proposed tribunal of arbitration, and 3. Eliminating the provision for an umpire and therefore striking out the provision agreeing upon King Oscar of Sweden and Norway for the office.

Mr. Bryan is Liberal. LINCOLN, Neb., March 24.—W. J. Bryan will give one-half of the royalties received from the sale of his book, "The First Battle," to the cause of bimetalism, and has appointed a committee, whose duty will be to properly expend the funds reserved for that purpose. The committee is composed of Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas, Senator Henry M. Teller of Colorado, Senator William V. Allen of Nebraska and Hon. A. J. Warner, president of the National Bimetallic union.

Crack at the White House. WASHINGTON, March 24.—Charles L. Lyons, a man apparently of unbalanced mind, was arrested on the porch of the White house last night as he was about to go into the mansion. In the police cell he said he wanted protection from the President, and declared he had been arrested on suspicion of killing his mother in Cincinnati.

Pops Want Recognition. WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Populist members of the House have held a caucus to discuss the policy of the party in congress and, as a result, have sent to Speaker Reed a letter, requesting that they be recognized in debate and through committee appointments as a distinct factor of the minority.

LEGISLATURE TO ACT NO FRAUD IN RECOUNT

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The Other Six Commissioners, Including Republicans, Say All Was Regular.

HIS FALSEHOODS REVEALED.

A Signed Communication to the Governor Refuting Every Charge Made by Hedlund.

Recent His Unprincipled Attack.

The following communication is self-explanatory and effectually discloses the baseness of O. P. Hedlund's charges of fraud in the recount of ballots:

LINCOLN, Neb., March 19, 1897.—To His Excellency, Elias A. Holcomb, Governor of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.—Sir: In justice to ourselves, as members of the commission appointed by your excellency under the provisions of the law to recount the vote on the constitutional amendment providing for an increase of the number of supreme judges, we deem it proper to make a statement concerning our connection with the recount.

Prefacing this statement, we desire to say that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the recount has been fairly and honestly conducted, and that no member of this commission, with possibly the exception of Mr. Hedlund, has ever endeavored to change or interfere with an accurate count of the ballots. On the other hand, we have faithfully endeavored to the best of our ability to ascertain the vote cast and accurately recorded it. When the commission appointed by you met at the office of the secretary of state to open the ballots and make the count, we organized by the election of Mr. Campbell as president. The packages from the different counties were usually opened by Mr. Campbell or Mr. Porter, secretary of state, and invariably in the presence of the other commissioners. The vote was called off by Messrs. Oberfelder, Ross, Bowley, Campbell and Porter, and at all times, at least one other commissioner watched the ballots as they were being called by one of these commissioners. The tally sheets were kept by Messrs. Hedlund and Blake. Sometimes Messrs. Porter and Bowley relieved Mr. Blake, but Mr. Hedlund kept one tally sheet without assistance.

While it is perhaps unnecessary at this time to enter into detail, we unqualifiedly state that no package opened by us has shown any evidence of having been tampered with while in our possession. The seal of the county clerks were not injured, until broken in the presence of this commission. We have been particular to have at least two commissioners watch the ballots as they have been called off, one of whom was a republican, and whenever there has been any doubt as to the intention of the voter, the ballot has been submitted to all the commissioners, and the intention declared by unanimous agreement. At no time did Mr. Hedlund ever vote to have any ballot recorded differently from the manner in which it was recorded. When the vote of any precinct has been recorded the ballots have been at once, and in the presence of all commissioners, sealed up in an envelope, used for that purpose, and when the canvass of a county is completed, all the poll books and ballots were securely packed in boxes, or wrapped in heavy paper, tied and marked for return to the county clerks.

Mr. Hedlund has at all times checked off orally as he recorded the votes, and in every instance where there was a difference in the tally sheets, the record kept by Mr. Hedlund was accepted as conclusive. In this connection, we desire to say that very frequently there was a difference in the tally, yet Mr. Hedlund's score was always accepted, even though the difference amounted to five or ten votes, on account of his superior clerical skill in the performance of such work.

Now, in view of several suspicious circumstances which will herein relate, we verily believe that an attempt has been made to make us the victims of a conspiracy in order to violate our canvass and destroy the integrity of the ballots. We are firmly convinced that Mr. Hedlund has been made the willing tool of a set of political pirates, extending from men occupying the most exalted positions in the state to a disreputable puppet, who has spent his time and talents in the past in besmirching the reputation of honest men.

First, we would call attention to the conduct of Mr. Hedlund on the board. The only instance in which by word or act any intimation at fraud was ever made was when Mr. Hedlund remarked one day, "Be careful when anybody is in here, and will make it up when no one is present." Mr. Bowley at once asked, "What do you mean?" Mr. Bowley and others, then told him that they were endeavoring to honestly and correctly count the ballots, and would not permit anything else.

In his letter, Mr. Hedlund says, "he has recounted the ballots of several of the precincts for the purpose of verifying the call of the ballots. We denounce, as an unqualified falsehood this assertion, without he has done so by breaking open packages already sealed, and at times when no other member of this commission was present. Never in our presence did he recount the vote of any part of the vote of any precinct. We wish to say that we have had no knowledge whatever until the publication of his letter, that Mr. Hedlund had tampered with the ballots sealed by this commission. If he did so, he has never suggested any correction, nor has he at any time intimated that the count of any precincts was inaccurately made.

A guard has been employed constantly to protect the ballots during the absence of the commissioners at night, invariably Mr. Hedlund has been the first to arrive at the office in the morning, and upon his arrival the guard has left his post of duty, presuming the ballots to be safe in the hands of a commissioner. We do not recall a single morning in which any of us arriving at the office have found Mr. Hedlund there. We assert that he could not have recounted the ballots of any precinct during our session without our knowledge, and we have every confidence in the guard, and we are satisfied that he has not allowed Mr. Hedlund or any one else to tamper with the precinct packages during the night. The only time that we can conjecture that Mr. Hedlund had an opportunity to open sealed packages, and go through the ballots, has been in the early morning before our arrival, when the guard had gone. We wish emphatically to state that we had no suspicions as to Mr. Hedlund's honesty, except for the remark above quoted, until the publication of his letter today. No other member of this commission has ever intimated that we were guilty of any such act.

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Maher and Sharkey Matched. New York, March 24.—A match has been arranged between Maher and Sharkey. It will probably be brought off in May by the Greater New York Athletic club in Brooklyn. It is said a purse of \$10,000 will be the stakes.

the commission than Mr. Hedlund... ever been alone with the ballots... suspicion as to the existence of a conspiracy were first aroused when opening the package containing the vote of York county. The seal had not been broken and the package had certainly not been tampered with after leaving the clerk's office. Mr. Bowley called off the vote of this county, assisted by Mr. Campbell. The country precincts showed unusual gains for the amendment, and in some instances there were more votes cast for amendment than the total vote of the precinct. Mr. Bowley's suspicions were aroused and while canvassing the vote the wards in York, he looked on the back of the ballots and found that many did not have the signature of the judge of the election, evidently having been blank letters marked up by some person after the election, and before received at the office of the secretary of state. Mr. Bowley once declared that somebody had put a job on the commission. It was the generally expressed opinion of the commissioners. And we especially call attention to the fact that it was concerned in Mr. Hedlund, that some person or persons in York county had wilfully and maliciously and for the purpose of discrediting the commission and the canvass of the vote, deliberately falsified, altered and distorted the returns, by injecting ballots which plainly show that they never had been folded, as is necessary preparatory to putting them into a ballot box. For this reason, it was agreed not to say anything about these ballots until later, and that the commission would go over the ballots again to make sure that no fraudulent votes had been counted in precincts canvassed prior to the discovery of the falsified ballots. The fraudulent ballots mentioned were not counted, but were rolled up separately to await a more thorough investigation.

We were of the opinion then and now, that the returns from York county were tampered with for the purpose of giving an opportunity for a charge of fraud in our canvass in the event the results showed that the amendment had been carried.

If fraud had been perpetrated by members of this commission other than himself, Mr. Hedlund undoubtedly commended it to other conspirators against the integrity of these ballots. If he did why have not the other eminent gentlemen who connived with him disclosed information before the issuance of the junction? If he knew that any irregularities were being practiced by any member of this commission, why did he not call attention to it at the time? Why did he enter upon the tally sheets the votes he claims were erroneously called? Why should he wait till the conclusion of our work, as he says in his letter he expected to do? Was he not a party to the fraud, if one was committed as he alleges? No honest man, no man with an atom of self-respect or any respect for personal integrity or manhood would sit by and watch men perpetrating fraud and offer no protest. He knows that the count was fair and honestly made. He states the facts, at the behest of his besmirched allies, when he says he detected fraud.

We sincerely hope that the efforts of Mr. Hedlund and his conspirators to discredit us, will not result in the object sought to be obtained by them, viz: In preventing the ascertaining of the vote actually cast on the amendment. We have every confidence that a review of our work will show the falseness of his charges.

If your excellency desires any further information from this commission, we stand ready to answer any and all inquiries when relieved of the restraint placed upon us by an order of the court. We are, with great respect, very truly yours, J. N. CAMPBELL, J. N. CAMPBELL, JOSEPH OBERFELDER, GEO. W. BLAKE, C. J. BOWLEY, F. M. ROSS, WM. F. PORTER.

MR. HEDLUND IS REMOVED.

Governor Considers Him Not a Fit Person to Serve on the Commission.

Governor Holcomb has addressed the following letter to P. O. Hedlund in response to Mr. Hedlund's letter which he charges fraud in the recount of ballots on the constitutional amendment creating two new supreme judges. LINCOLN, Neb., March 19, 1897.—P. O. Hedlund, Lincoln, Neb.—Your communication of the 15th was forwarded me by messenger shortly before 11 o'clock last evening. The information contained therein would startle indeed were its value not destroyed by the disclosure that you have been cognizant of the frauds you speak of without any attempt to redress or expose them until by force of circumstances a courtary course seemed best suited to your purposes. You say "I expected at the close of the canvass make me a full report of the transactions and doings of the board, and the event that you could not agree with the majority of the members of the board it was your intention to enter your protest to the manner which the vote had been counted. I do not understand by this what you expected at the close of all the work to agree with the majority of the board to a false report which would be a crime against the people, or which the majority of the board should agree with you that all had been guilty of gross offense against the law, and report would be the evidence of the fact. You will pardon me if I express skepticism respecting your intention in this respect. By your communication the principal work done by me has been keeping the tally list, there are any fraudulent votes on the list recorded by you knowingly, you are responsible for the wrong above others.

In view of your statements no easiness on your part regarding the safe keeping of the ballots and tally sheets is required. In appointing a commission I relied on the honesty and integrity of each of them. I have been so grievously mistaken in your case, which feeling is aggravated by the emphatic declarations of other members as to the integrity of their action while performing the duties imposed upon them under the creating the commission.

In the light of your own statement I deem it my duty to hereby request you from further service as a member of the board to which you were appointed. Yours, etc., N. A. HOLCOMB, GOV.

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