



Governor Mickey of Nebraska has announced that suit will be instituted to test the constitutionality of Nebraska's biennial election law. A certificate of nomination will be offered to the secretary of state, who will refuse to file it. The supreme court will then be asked to issue mandamus.

Fifteen men were entombed in the Missouri-Kansas & Texas coal mine near Wilburton, Okla. Cause, explosion.

Harry Dykes, a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul engineer, was killed in a wreck near Ottumwa, Iowa.

United States supreme court denies John A. Benson's motion for rehearing or order directing his removal from New York to District of Columbia for trial on charge of defrauding the government in the misappropriation of timber on public lands.

Charges and counter-charges continue in the Equitable Insurance society's affairs. H. H. Knowles, former superintendent of agencies, charges that Vice President Tarbell in four cases granted rebates of 95 per cent on four \$100,000 policies, besides other rebates on big policies, ranging from 50 per cent to 83 per cent.

Mae Wood, a woman lawyer, has brought suit in the Nebraska courts, asking \$35,000 damages from Wm. Loeb, the president's secretary, former Postmaster General Wynne and J. Martin Miller, a New Jersey newspaper man who was recently appointed to a position in the consular service. Miss Wood claims that the defendants secured from her valuable papers in which Senator Platt of New York was deeply interested. Mr. Loeb says that he never met the woman.

Herbert S. Hadley, attorney general for Missouri, has filed suit in the supreme court to annul in Missouri, the charters of the Standard Oil Co. and the Republic Oil Co. Mr. Hadley says that as the result of investigations now under way, he will probably file suits to annul the charters of half-a-dozen other trusts doing business in Missouri.

Secretary John Davis of the Nebraska state board of charities and Chaplain Johnson of the Penitentiary have established a prison school for the education of illiterate convicts. Mr. Davis says that a large percentage of the convicts are illiterate.

The committee of the social democratic party of Poland and Lithuania has issued a manifesto proclaiming a general strike, and calling out all the workmen. This manifesto was the result of an attack made by the Cossacks upon the working men in Warsaw May 2. Many women and children were seriously injured and it is said that sixty-two persons were killed.

An Associated Press dispatch from Chicago says: "John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the Panama canal, said to officials of the Illinois Central railroad that an order would be issued stating that hereafter all deliveries of ship-

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ments from this country would be at Colon. This order, it is said, will open the door to western and southern manufacturers, enabling them to enter into competition for the supplies needed in the canal zone. This order regarding delivery will make New Orleans a shipping point, and freight and passenger rates to the isthmus via New Orleans will be on a parity with those from New York."

Mrs. Nettie R. Craven, who attracted great attention several years ago in her suit to establish her claim as the common law wife of Senator Fair, died at the Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, hospital for the insane.

Miss Ella J. McKee, daughter of the late Wm. McKee, founder of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, died at Asheville, N. C. Miss McKee owned a controlling interest in the Globe-Democrat.

Henry W. Miller, indicted by the federal grand jury at Portland, Ore., for conspiracy to defraud the government out of public lands, pleaded guilty.

Edward J. Smith, San Francisco's tax collector, was arrested at St. Louis charged with embezzling \$62,000 of public funds.

New York dispatches say that the Frick investigating committee has asked President Alexander and Vice President Tarbell of the Equitable Life Assurance society to resign.

Mrs. Mary E. Marcey, former stenographer in the packing houses at Kansas City, appeared before the federal grand jury at Chicago. To newspaper reporters, Mrs. Marcey said she could not tell what her testimony was, but she added: "I got hold of two things which will make the packers jump when they find out that the grand jury has them."

A heavy storm occurred in Omaha May 3. A four story brick building, occupied by the Omaha Casket company, was blown down. Three men were killed and six were injured.

At Lodz, Russian Poland, May 4, a number of Roman Catholics assembled at the Church of the Holy Cross and began singing revolutionary songs. A Cossack patrol galloped up and began firing into the crowd of people huddled on the church steps. Several persons were killed. Some of the bullets entered the edifice and struck the altar.

Three people were burned to death in the fire which destroyed the Fifth Avenue hotel at Duluth, Minn.

Paul Charlton, an Omaha lawyer, has been appointed law officer for the bureau of insular affairs to succeed Charles E. Magoon.

The second trial of Nan Patterson, charged with the murder of Frank T. Young, resulted in a hung jury. The jury is said to have stood 7 to 5 for acquittal. Miss Patterson will be released on bail and it is believed the complaint will be dismissed and she will not be required to undergo another trial.

The attorneys of Caleb Powers, charged with participation in the Gobel murder, have asked that his case be transferred from the state to the federal court.

Mr. Bryan delivered the address on Grant Day, April 27, at Galena, Ill., a large crowd being present from the surrounding territory. The people of Galena celebrate this day every year, and a number of speakers of national reputation have been guests on these occasions. Senator Chauncey Depew was orator of the day in 1891 when the Grant monument given by H. H. Kohlsaat was unveiled. Mr. McKinley was the orator in 1893, and Theodore Roosevelt in 1900. Among the other speakers on these occasions may be mentioned Luther Laughlin Mills of Chicago, Henry D. Estabrook, then of Omaha, General Black of Chicago, Robert McIntire of Chicago, Judge Emery Spear of Macon, Ga., Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia, Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus of Chicago, W. J. Calhoun of Chicago, W. F. Gursley of Omaha, and Bishop Fallows of Chicago.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN BAIRD

When the venerable John Baird breathed his last peacefully and resignedly at the home of W. J. Bryan at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 3, death put its final seal upon one of the most admirable characters within the knowledge of his acquaintances and relatives. The sorrow that rests within the Fairview home today imposed no rude shock in its coming for its cause had been anticipated for some time past and for days had been so peacefully and so gradually did death creep upon this good old man that its approach could almost be measured from day to day for a long time past and when the flesh released its tenant forever the dissolution was so calm as to be almost imperceptible. His death was in keeping with his whole gentle career of kindness and patient resignation to one of life's most distressing afflictions.

Mr. Baird was Mrs. W. J. Bryan's father, and she had been his constant and unwearied companion throughout her life. By something like a month he had passed the age of eighty-two years, and his demise is attributable solely to the decline of the flesh with the gathering years. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but while still a boy moved with his parents to Pike county, Illinois. There his father and mother soon afterwards died and he was left to make his own way in the world. During his youth he became a clerk in a store at Perry, Illinois, and later was enabled to go into business for himself. For many years he conducted a general store at that place and became one of the leading merchants of that city. He continued in business until 1884, when, upon the marriage of his only child, he went with his wife to live with her and her husband. Since that time the Bryan home has been the home of Mr. Baird, and until her death in the spring of 1896 it was also that of Mrs. Baird.

Few parents have been so fortunate in their inheritance of filial love, kindness and solicitude. Nearly or quite twenty-five years ago Mr. Baird's eyesight began to fail him, since which time he has been compelled to see almost exclusively through the eyes of his daughter. For many years he has been totally blind. The late Mrs. Baird was for many years an invalid, so that the care of both devolved upon Mrs. Bryan as a filial duty. No duty of that character was ever more faithfully nor more unostentatiously discharged or with more tender love and sympathy. It is a matter of common knowledge among acquaintances of the Bryan family that this tenderness and sympathy of the daughter, admirable as it was known to be in its intensity of devotion, hardly exceeded that of her husband toward Mr. and Mrs. Baird.

The late Mrs. Baird was in youth Miss Lovina Dexter, and at the time of her death the fiftieth anniversary of her wedding was not far distant. They

were a devoted couple and their life together, apart from their mutual afflictions, was a model of serenity and contented love, patience and kindness. As an instance of their devotion to each other, it is related that when she died in 1896 her bereaved helpmate stopped his watch at the hour of her death and never afterwards permitted it to be disturbed.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt returned home from New Orleans Saturday, accompanied by her baby daughter, and a few hours prior to the death of Mr. Baird, while he was still conscious four generations were assembled in that chamber of impending sorrow. Mr. Baird was made conscious of the presence of his great granddaughter, and felt its tiny fingers upon his cheek as it was held forward for him to fondle. He was able to manifest his pleasure over the incident exemplifying the endless chain of life, wherein one new link is added to the strand just as another is dissolving.

The beauty and serenity of this fine old gentleman's life and character had so impressed itself upon the consciousness of all who have been permitted to meet him that he has many mourners outside of the Bryan family circle. He was a man of superior intelligence and always took a keen interest in current events, so that one of the duties of his daughter was the reading of the papers to him. This she did regularly through all the years of physical darkness that were his lot, and many social duties and obligations gave way without consideration to his gratification in that direction.

The funeral of Mr. Baird was held at the residence of Mr. Bryan at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, May 5. The services were conducted by Chancellor Huntington of Wesleyan university, who was formerly the pastor of Trinity M. E. church of which Mr. Baird was a member. Rev. Mr. Stevenson, the pastor of the new Westminster church in South Lincoln, sang a number of selections during the services. Rev. Mr. Stevenson's father was a minister in Mr. Baird's former home and was well known to the family. Rev. H. C. Swearingen and Rev. Mr. Martin assisted in the services.—Lincoln Evening News.

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