

opera glasses, or small telescopes and will soon be visible to the naked eye. The comet is now in the constellation Cygnus about three degrees north of Alpha, the top star in Northern cross, directly overhead in the early evening. Its motion is northwest.

Peter Carter a negro identified as a white woman's assailant, was burned at the stake at Purcell, Okla.

Judge Harvey M. Trimbell of Illinois, was chosen commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., in annual encampment at Rochester, N. Y. Los Angeles will get the 1912 encampment.

Judge Trimbell announced these appointments: Adjutant general, Charles R. Enoch, Chicago; quartermaster general, Colonel D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y., reappointed; judge advocate general, W. A. Kelcham, Indianapolis; assistant quartermaster general, J. Henry Holcomb, Philadelphia.

Chicago's population is now 2,264,184.

A Seattle, Wash., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: United States District Judge Cornelius H. Hanford was hanged in effigy here while a mass meeting was being held to protest against his action in granting a temporary injunction sought by the Seattle, Renton & Southern railway. The injunction restrains patrons of the company in the Rainier Valley from interfering with enforcement of a new fare schedule. No arrests were made. A resolution was adopted at the mass meeting calling upon the people of the judicial district of western Washington to petition the national house of representatives to appoint a com-

mittee to investigate Judge Hanford's judicial and private life for the purpose of bringing impeachment proceedings. Among the speakers at the mass meeting were Mayor Fawcett of Tacoma, State Senator J. W. Bryan and John E. Humphries, candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator last year.

Harry M. Atwood, the Boston aviator, arrived at New York August 25th, being the first man in history to travel as far as from St. Louis to New York by way of Chicago. The Associated Press gives the following summary of the finish of Atwood's St. Louis-New York flight:

Distance covered in air-line, 1,265 miles.

Total distance, including detours around New York and other places, 1,365 miles.

Started from St. Louis 8:05 a. m. August 14.

Finished Governors Island 2:38 p. m. August 25.

Flying time for entire trip, 28 hours, 31 minutes.

Number of lights en route, 20.

Average distance of each flight, 63 1/4 miles.

Beats previous world's record by 101 miles, not crediting him with the extra 100 miles which he claims for detours.

Today's trip began at Nyack, N. Y., 25 miles north of Forty-second street, New York, at 1:52 p. m.; finished at Governors Island at 2:38 p. m.

Flying time for today's trip, 46 minutes.

Twenty-five persons were killed and fifty were injured in a wreck on the Lehigh Valley road near Manchester, N. Y. A number of old soldiers were among those killed.

The common practice of treating in saloons has been declared a misdemeanor in Tacoma, Wash.

In Denmark the American men of warsmen found their uniform equivalent to a ticket of admission to the royal theaters.

The wearing of dangerous hats pins is forbidden by law in Baden, the canton of Argovie, Switzerland. Any woman wearing one is liable to arrest and made to pay a fine of \$2.50.

#### LETTERS FROM CONGRESSMEN

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7, 1911.—Mr. J. M. Bowler, 501 Loan and Trust Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Sir: Your letter of the 4th instant reached me this morning. I have made no attack on Mr. Bryan; Mr. Bryan made an attack on me. I merely stated the facts, on the floor of the house, that all my colleagues knew.

When the free list bill was passed, I placed in that bill, and reported to the house, wire and cotton gins, two important manufactures for my own district.

Not for one moment have I ever resisted the consideration of the iron and steel schedule. On the other hand, before Mr. Bryan's interview appeared I had instructed the clerks of the ways and means committee to prepare the data for the revision of the iron and steel schedule. It is now being prepared and if congress stays in session long enough it will be reported before we adjourn; if not, in the December session.

I can not understand how any man can truthfully assert, under these circumstances, that I have refused to revise the iron and steel schedule.

If I had allowed Mr. Bryan's attack in the newspapers to go unanswered, it would have permitted the country to reach a conclusion that was not justified by the facts. I send you a copy of the speech that

is made in the house as it appeared in the record. If you will read it I am sure you will see that instead of being an attack of Mr. Bryan it was merely an effort to prove the whole truth in reference to the transaction. Yours truly, O. W. UNDERWOOD.

#### MR. BOWLER'S REPLY

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 11, 1911.

Hon. O. W. Underwood, Washington, D. C. My Dear Sir: I thank you for your courtesy in answering my letter of the 4th instant and for the copy of your speech received.

To be frank with you, I must say that you coldly present a lawyer's case as one relying upon a friendly court.

I might pardon you for feeling a little sensitive at the brusque way in which Mr. Bryan went after you; but you, knowing what you have related as occurring in your committee, but which was not known to the country, must have seen that the World-Herald dispatch upon which Mr. Bryan based his interview, might, if not true, have misled Mr. Bryan, and you as a good democrat, having the common cause at heart and desiring party harmony, should have stated the facts as you understood them to Mr. Bryan, and thus given him an opportunity to revise his interview, which he certainly would have done if he believed the situation demanded it.

But instead of that you undertook to impale him before his enemies, the good friends of the interests who are fattening upon the very life blood of the people. Further, from the very first sentence of your speech, you branded him as false—a liar. Such language always indicates a want of better arguments. Besides, the people of this country, even the predatory interests, know that Mr. Bryan is not false but true as truth itself to his country and his people, even to the letter and spirit of his party's platform pledges.

I am sorry, Mr. Underwood, that you should have made such a raw break as you did, for the country had begun to think pretty well of you. Your great ability as a member of congress was recognized and the prompt dispatch of much needed legislation by the house under your leadership was bringing you prominently and favorably before the country.

I sincerely hope that you will find some honorable way to retrieve your great mistake. Yours truly,

J. M. BOWLER.

Miranda, S. D., Aug. 14, 1911.—Mr. Oscar W. Underwood, Chairman Ways and Means Committee. My Dear Sir: I am one of the democrats who have been watching with deep interest the new democratic house, to see if there was to be honest tariff reduction. At first we had much faith in you as chairman of the ways and means committee, and wish to have that faith yet, but commencing with the wool schedule, your works and arguments have not been to our liking. I am one, however, who wish to be fair and not reach hasty conclusions. If you with others, imagine that the common people, and I happen to be one of that class, will be easily fooled, you should be undeceived.

If the Washington dispatch in the Omaha World-Herald was true, I am one who believe Mr. Bryan was justified in making the charge against you, if it is not true why do they not make correction? Up to this time I have not discovered any retraction from that paper. We all know Mr. Bryan and it will take more than that fiery speech from you and the plaudits of the politicians to discredit him in the least. You may receive the cheers of those

"under the dome of the capitol," but Mr. Bryan will receive the thanks of more than five millions of people and this, I believe, is the kind of cheering that will count in the end.

The masses of the people, Mr. Underwood, are with Mr. Bryan, and have become so accustomed to plutocratic remarks like those of your own, that it has no effect on them. Mr. Bryan is standing today where he has always stood and is in a position to command a larger following today among the common herd than all you good fellows down there put together. Get right, Mr. Underwood, and I will be with you as strong as anyone can be, but do not imagine that you have Mr. Bryan down, for such is not the case—others have thought as much before. Yours for honest democratic success.

J. A. ROUSE.

#### SENSITIVE

"The community is going to put up a statue in your honor," said the prominent citizen.

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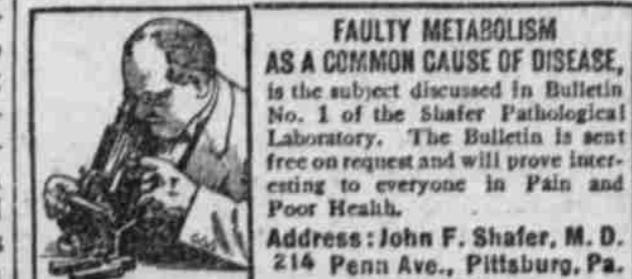
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