

A LAMOREUX SCANDAL

HE MAY BE SUMMARILY DISMISSED.

U. S. Land Commissioner—Secretary Bliss Finds that an Advance Copy of the Proposed Decision in the Big Chicago Land Suit Was Given to Someone Interested.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The President had an hour to himself after breakfast to-day, and at 10 o'clock he began to receive the steady line of callers who filled the ante-rooms. A Minnesota delegation, headed by Senator Davis and Nelson, called to present the name of L. P. Hunt, of Mankato, Minn., for public printer. It was stated that the question of ex-Governor Merriam's appointment to a foreign mission did not come up.

Other callers were Senators Cullom and Mason of Illinois, Cockrell of Missouri, Burrows of Michigan, Shoup of Idaho and Wetmore of Rhode Island, ex-Delaware Governor of New Mexico, ex-Minister Sprague and John Logan, Jr.

At 11 o'clock Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, arrived, and was shown through the private part of the house to the President's private office. He came not on diplomatic business, but as dean of the diplomatic corps. Under diplomatic usage ambassadors have the entry to the President without the intermediation of the secretary of state, although this was not observed very frequently under the last administration. The call was brief, lasting not beyond five minutes.

Other morning callers were Senators Murphy of New York, Elkins of West Virginia and Morgan and Pettus of Alabama; Representatives McClellan and Quigg of New York, Hitt and Foss of Illinois, Parker of New Jersey and Sergeant-at-Arms Bright of the Senate.

Secretary Sherman came over from the State department at 12 o'clock and spent some time with the President. The conference was so long that the corridors filled up and there was the largest crowd since the day following inauguration. This led to the usual talk as to a conference on Cuba. As Mr. Sherman left he was asked for authority to state the nature of the call if it related to Cuba. He replied that Cuba had not been mentioned to-day and that there were no developments.

WHITE HOUSE CALLERS.

President McKinley is Kept Busy—Visitors of All Kinds.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—An order repudiating the acts of the general land office in the Chicago lake front case, which will probably be followed by the peremptory dismissal of Silas W. Lamoreux of Wisconsin, the commissioner, was signed by Secretary of the Interior Bliss to-day. It directs that all proceedings in the case subsequent to the filing of the application to locate McKee scrip on the lake front be rescinded and annulled, and requires a new trial before the new commissioner, not yet appointed, within thirty days after notice to all interested.

The action is based upon the opinion of Mr. Lamoreux, given out by him to one of the parties in interest three days before the time appointed by himself for the formal announcement of the decision and the notice to the other interested parties.

The land on which it was proposed to locate claims by means of this scrip is in the heart of Chicago and estimated to be worth from \$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

TARIFF BILL READY.

There Will Be No Canadian Reciprocity—Canada's Mission Fruitless.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Chairman Dingley of the House ways and means committee says that the new tariff bill will be ready to be introduced in the House Monday. The administrative features have not yet been drafted, nor has the reciprocity scheme, although the features of it are decided upon. These may be presented as committee amendments after the bill gets before the House.

The hopes of the new Canadian administration for closer reciprocal relations will be defeated by the Dingley bill. The Liberal party, under Laurier's leadership, has made closer commercial relations with the United States one of its foremost policies, and one of the first acts of the administration was to send Cartwright and Davies to Washington as commissioners to pave the way for reciprocity. Their mission has proved a fruitless one, because they desired to open the markets of this country to the farm products of Canada. In their interviews with Chairman Dingley and other members of the committee they were told, in diplomatic terms, but emphatically, that the design of the new tariff bill would be to preserve the markets of the United States by adequate protective duties on all farm products.

Young People Die Together. FORT WAYNE, March 15.—This morning W. E. Colerick, a young lawyer of this city, was found dead, and his affianced, Miss Mae Hall, was found unconscious in a room of the young woman's home. An empty bottle of carbolic acid was found in the room. They were soon to have been married.

Farmer Elisha Graham Convicted. ATCHISON, Kan., March 15.—Elisha Graham, a farmer, who killed Jacob Hopkins, his hired man, last January because Hopkins proposed to marry Miss Graham, was found guilty of murder in the second degree to-day.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY.

Movement on Foot to Amalgamate All the Bryan Forces.

CHICAGO, March 15.—An effort is to be made to effect a permanent amalgamation of the factions which were allied in the support of W. J. Bryan. Several conferences have recently been held in Chicago, at which the situation was discussed and a decision reached that some steps should be taken to prevent the threatened disruption of what may be termed the reform forces.

The April number of New Occasions, a radical magazine published in Chicago, voices the sentiment of those who have been in conference in an address which calls for the abandonment of old party lines and a reorganization under the name of the American party.

The editorial proposes a novel method of forming a party platform and organization. It suggests that "at noon of July 4 next the American people meet in the respective townships, precincts or voting places and organize by voting precincts all over the United States. Each precinct should pick one representative to a Congressional convention, to be held a few days later. Each precinct should also pick one representative to a permanent organization."

"At the Congressional conventions one representative should be chosen as a member of the people's congress. He should be selected, not for his oratorical ability, but for his capacity to think. Select men who are willing to abide by the will of the majority, and, having selected them, pledge yourselves to abide by the result of their combined wisdom."

"This congress of 357 men, with delegates from the territories, should meet at some central point and organize."

Copies of this proposed plan have been mailed to the various national committees and leaders of the different organizations, and if the responses are favorable a conference will be held in Chicago at an early date and a definite plan of action agreed upon.

BEEF RARER THAN GOLD.

Miners in Alaska Bid Extravagant Prices for Pieces of Meat.

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—A ten-pound piece of beef was recently carried from Forty Mile Creek to Circle City, in Alaska, a distance of 250 miles, by Thomas O'Brien. When he reached the camp the miners turned out en masse to see the meat, and it was placed on exhibition and attracted much attention.

It was decided to auction the meat for the benefit of a hospital which Bishop Rowe is trying to establish for the miners at the place. At first only \$5 a pound was offered for a slice, but the bidding became brisker as the meat was cut up, until as much as \$35 per pound was offered. Finally, in order to avoid complications, it was decided to sell tickets at from fifty cents to \$2.50 for the privilege of drawing for a slice. After \$480 worth of tickets had been sold the drawing began.

AGREED UPON RULES.

Long and Stormy Conference Between Brady and Julian.

CARSON, Nev., March 15.—A long conference, which at times nearly resulted in the spoiling of the chances of the big fight being pulled off, was held yesterday between Martin Julian, representing Fitzsimmons, and William A. Brady, for Corbett, over the construction put on the Marquis of Queensbury rules, and the end was that Julian, after strenuously objecting upon the right of the referee making any ruling whatever before the men entered the ring and against the hitting with one arm free and in breakaways, gave way entirely and consented that the men should hit with the one free arm and on the breakaways. The fight will therefore be fought in accordance with the interpretation of the Marquis of Queensbury rules made by Referee Siler.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

There is Continued Activity in the Various Industrial Lines.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Bradstreet's says: "Continued activity in various industrial lines, based on an expanding consumptive demand, fairly steady prices for staples, further improvement in railway earnings and widespread confidence that the volume of business will expand materially in the near future, constitute trade features of the week. Spring demand has begun to show itself with retailers. There is a better inquiry for shoes, hats and clothing, and for light hardware and agricultural implements West and Southwest. Industrial revival has been offset in instances by the closing of factories and mills, and in others by continued operation dependent upon paying reduced wages."

To Help Girls to Marry.

LONDON, March 15.—The Marquis of Rute has celebrated his silver wedding by giving \$5,000 to the town council of Cardiff, the income to be given to poor girls to assist them to marry. The only condition attached is that the mayor shall read the recipients the first eleven verses of the second chapter of John.

Missing Man Found Dead.

SALINA, Kan., March 15.—The body of C. J. Johnson, who mysteriously disappeared from Lindsborg, Kan., four weeks ago, was discovered in the Smoky Hill river, eighteen miles south of here last night. It is supposed he committed suicide.

No Department Store Legislation.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 15.—In the senate this morning Martin's bill to make department stores pay licenses on each separate class of goods they handle was indefinitely postponed. The uniform fire insurance policy bill got only three votes.

Arizona Wants Little Law-Making.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 15.—The upper house of the legislature has passed a bill making legislative sessions hereafter for ten years apart. The House passed a bill making the unauthorized use of the Grand Army button a misdemeanor.

BU R R'S BUILDINGS.

SEVERAL THAT HE OWNED ARE STILL STANDING.

The One in Which He Had His Law Office and in Which His Scheme of a Great Trans-Mississippi Empire Was Hatched.

(New York Letter.)

SOME of the places in the lower part of the city that are passing away have an historical interest, yet it is hardly likely that their sites will be marked by bronze tablets. Three places in particular not more than a stone's throw from the City Hall fall in this category.

The first is the small two-story and dormer-window house, at 11 Reade street. This house is occupied now as a barber shop, yet within its walls was plotted the leader's cruise, and the torch was lighted that started the revolutionary fires in the Spanish-American states. This unpretentious building was Aaron Burr's law office and residence, and in it he met the filibuster, Gen. Miranda, and laid the plans to wrest from Spain the rich colonies of the southern portion of the continent. Miranda's expedition was not successful, and simply resulted in the massacre of fifty-eight American citizens by the Spanish authorities of Caracas, yet the movement started by Burr and Miranda did finally accomplish its purpose.

In this old house it is said that the Blennerhasset scheme was also born. Harman Blennerhasset was the rich Irishman, who, blinded by Burr's glowing account of the great empire he expected to found in the southwest, did

apply of water. Burr applied for a charter ostensibly for the water company, but it read "to supply the City of New York with water for drinking purposes, and for the transaction of other business."

The water works which were built consisted of some underground pipes made from pump logs connected with pumps at the corners of the streets and some stone tanks, one being still at Reade and Centre streets. The water works became the laughing stock and the butt of ridicule, but the banking institution built upon the charter is one of the most important in the city.

There is another building downtown that has withstood the ravages of time which once belonged to Burr. It stands on the corner of Fulton street, opposite the United States Hotel, and has been for over half a century, and perhaps longer, devoted to the sale of drugs and chemicals.

In all the changes that time has wrought in the topography and structure in the city the buildings connected with the memory of Burr have escaped destruction in some inexplicable way. They are also in a good state of preservation still.

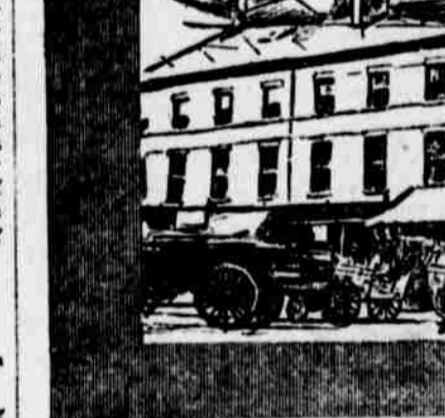
HENRY B. INGRAM.

THE KING VULTURE.

He is Fond of the Warm Climate of Mountainous Countries.

(Special Letter.) Vultures are mostly found in warm climates, and many of them are inhabitants of mountainous regions. They feed on carrion, which it seems to be their office in nature to remove from the face of the earth, that the evil consequences of its corruption may be prevented. In consequence of this obscene habit the vulture is in many hot countries regarded with favor as a useful scavenger. The wings are long, and their expanse consequently great. Vultures have great powers of flight, and many of them soar to a very great height in the air.

These birds seldom attack a living



THE FULTON STREET BUILDING.

not see the treason in the transaction of invading a friendly state with an armed force, and therefore, lent himself and his money to the schemes of Burr in getting together the army with which he expected to set up an empire beyond the Mississippi. To this house also came Burr after his trial for treason, and here, with reputation ruined, he attempted to regain his lost prestige as a lawyer.

Over at the junction of Duane and Centre streets is a mixed-up group of old buildings which are said to have a bearing on a brief point of history in the career of Burr. It was in the house called the Sixth Ward Hotel, or perhaps a house that formerly stood on that site, that Burr used to lodge a woman named Chancellor. He had been denounced in unmeasured terms as the wickedest man of the century by a Rev. Mr. Morton preacher in one of the city churches, and on pretense that a woman was dying and in need of spiritual aid, the Chancellor woman decoyed the preacher into the house, where he came face to face with Burr, loaded pistol in hand. The design of Burr, by some fortunate circumstance, was frustrated, and the preacher escaped.

Another monument to Burr's trickery still exists in that neighborhood, on the corner of Reade and Centre streets. It is a four-story building that covers one of the water tanks of the water company organized by Burr, and under the charter of which a famous banking institution is today doing business. It was not so easy in those days to get charters from the legislature as it is today, so Burr resorted

celessly when food is abundant, till their crops form a great projection, and sit long in a sleepy or half torpid state to digest their food. They do not carry food to their young in their claws, but disgorge it for them from their crop. The bareness of their head and neck adapts them for feeding on putrid flesh, by which feathers would be defiled; and they are careful to wash and cleanse their plumage. The question has often been discussed whether vultures discern dead animals by the eye, or are attracted to them by the smell. It is certain that they possess great powers both of smell and of vision, and the reasonable conclusion appears to be that both are of service in directing them to their prey.

The rapidity with which they congregate about a carcass has often been remarked. Directly a camel or other beast of burden drops dead, as the caravan to which it belongs is making its way across the desert, vultures of one sort or another appear, often in considerable numbers, though none had before been observed by the ordinary traveler, and speedily devour the body over which they are gathered together. Vast numbers have often been seen assembled on a battlefield to devour the dead.

The British museum has purchased the card catalogue that Edward Gibbon, the historian, used for his private library. He employed the backs of playing cards for the purpose.



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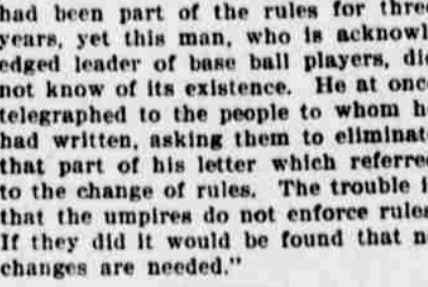
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Brush Not in the Game for Profit Alone. From Cincinnati "Enquirer": "There is no recreation as pleasing to John T. Brush, the president of the Cincinnati Club, as watching a base ball game, especially if one of the contestants in the game is the Cincinnati team. What a cruise on a steam yacht or a vacation at some fashionable summer resort is to some rich men, a three weeks' trip with the Cincinnati Reds is to the Indianapolis man. Spiteful and irresponsible writers have attempted to make it appear that John T. Brush's connection with the national game is prompted solely by mercenary motives; that his mind is on the turnstile rather than on the game itself. Nothing is further from the truth. He is an enthusiast of the most ultra type; one of the kind that cannot relish a meal if his favorite team is compelled to take the short end of an engagement. While defeat causes him anguish, a victory will lift him up to the plane of happiness. One acquainted with the Cincinnati president will not have to ask him after a hard game whether his team has won or lost. The magnate's face will tell the story. If winning his smile is of the broad-gauge variety, and he is full of fun, and if defeat has been the team's portion a scowl and a look that plainly says, "I want to be let alone" is on his face.

A Pair of Baseball Brides. John J. McGraw, the popular and clever third baseman of the Baltimore Club, was married the other evening to Minnie Roache McGraw at St. Vincent's Church, Baltimore. After the ceremony there was a brilliant reception at the residence of the bride's parents, 1815 Guilford avenue. The presents were numerous and costly. All the players of the Baltimore team remembered the happy couple, and the Baltimore Club's gift was a handsome silver service. Long life and happiness for the happy couple is "Sporting Life's" sincere wish. Within a few weeks another Baltimore player will emulate McGraw's example and become a Benedict, viz., Joe Kelly, the popular left fielder of the team. His affianced is a handsome and accomplished young lady, Miss Margaret R. Mahon. She is the daughter of a rich and influential Baltimore politician.

Rough on the Browns. From New York "Herald": "Somebody is advocating the use of three error columns in scoring. He must be a St. Louis man. I noticed during the 'Browns' visit to the Polo ground last summer that one error column was uncomfortably crowded before the seventh inning began. Still, I think by slopping over occasionally St. Louis might worry along with two.

Horace Hoag, the owner of the Call fernia stable, had both Mody and Monitor fired, the latter for a bad splint. Both will be turned out for a much-needed rest.

the pitcher's feet ought to be. This slab would prevent his sneaking up, as he would not be able to pitch if the toe of his shoe got on the slab. That is very simple, in fact, so simple that the committee have not been able to see, although they were told of it. I do not see how the suggestions of the committee will make things any better than they are at present.

President Kerr, of the Pittsburg Club, also opposed the suggestions of the committee. He thinks that there ought to be two coaches as usual, and that they should be kept under control. He is very strongly opposed to any change in the rules relating to the pitchers.

Louisville Players for Sale.

The release of Catcher Miller and First Baseman Casheday and Shortstop Shannon are for sale by the Louisville Club. Neither of these players will be needed on the team the coming season, and there is no room for them, and rather than farm them out to some club where they would not be satisfied, and in view of the fact that it does