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BRYAN LOSES WILL CASE

New Haven Court Has Decided Against Nebraskan.

HE IS LOSER OF THE \$50,000.

In the Case of the Famous Bennett Will, in Which the Sealed Letter Played so Prominently, Nebraskan Politician is Beaten.

New Haven, March 31.—The court today decided against W. J. Bryan in the famous Bennett will case and the Nebraskan loses the \$50,000 for which he has been so persistently contending. Bryan had little to say about it after the decision was given.

Church Starts for Missouri. Philadelphia, March 31.—William M. Church, the young Nebraskan, confessed murderer, who was at the League Island navy yard, at St. Louis last night, started on his journey to St. Louis to stand trial for the murder of his foster parents in Warren, Mo. He is in the custody of District Attorney Garbler and Sheriff Palster of Warren county, Missouri.

Rev. Gordon in New Place. Washington, March 31.—Rev. John Gordon, formerly president of Taber college, Iowa, was formally inaugurated president of Howard university of this city. The principal feature was a public meeting at the First Congregational church, when the keys of the university and the charter of the institution were formally turned over to Dr. Gordon.

Drops Dead While Singing. Duluth, Minn., March 31.—John Laury, a pioneer citizen of Hibbing and a heavy real estate holder, dropped dead at his home while singing a song. Heart disease is given as the cause of his death. Mr. Laury had won a considerable amount of money on the recent election in Hibbing and had invited a number of friends to help celebrate his good fortune.

CHANGES AT AINSWORTH.

Farmers are Preparing for Large Crops of Small Grain.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 31.—Special to The News: Farmers are preparing to put in large crops of all kinds of grain and vegetables. They say the winter wheat is doing well. Mr. Martz, editor of the Western Rancher, said today that he had sold over five tons of alfalfa to be sown this spring.

Dr. A. Murphy yesterday bought the fine residence of B. H. Carter, who will start next week for San Francisco. His wife and son started this morning for a visit with relatives in Ohio.

E. B. Smith's son Ferry started yesterday for St. Louis where he has a good job.

Dennis Collins bought Mr. Robinson's residence and Mr. Collins moved out on his ranch.

Edwards, Wood & Co. are doing a lively business here, F. M. Vincent manager.

WORKS ROADS TO HELP POOR

Preacher Bought Mileage at Half Rates and Sold it to Scalpers.

Chicago, March 31.—As a result of what he claims was his efforts to assist the poor of Chicago, "Dr." Dewing, who claims that he is a preacher, has been arrested, charged with robbing the railroads with headquarters in Chicago of thousands of dollars' worth of transportation. All of the money thus secured was used for charity, at least this is the substance of a confession made by Dewing. Dewing, who is said to have made a practice of buying mileage tickets at half rates, claiming that he was a minister, and then selling the tickets to Chicago brokers, was arrested in the offices of the Michigan Central railway while waiting for a ticket to be countersigned by officers of the company. In his confession, Dewing said: "Yes, I admit that I purchased mileage at 'preachers' rates and sold it to ticket brokers. I used every cent of the money to better the condition of the poor of Chicago, and if I have greatly sinned I am sure that God will overlook the fault. I was educated in an eastern seminary and began slum work in Chicago a few months ago. I was appalled by the shocking conditions here. All of my money was spent and as I saw so many persons starving, I felt that I was justified in procuring funds in the manner I did."

Ter: New Locomotive.

Berlin, March 31.—A giant three-cylinder locomotive, which it is the intention to exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, was tested on the military railroad. The engineer of this locomotive rides on its front part and communicates with the fireman through a speaking tube. The front and rear cones of the locomotive diminish the resistance. The locomotive alone attained a speed of eighty miles an hour and of sixty-two miles an hour drawing three vestibuled passenger

coaches. No effort was made to develop full speed, but the trial proved the possibility of introducing a sixty-mile schedule without any change of roadbed or rolling stock.

Pardon for Henry Hall. Des Moines, March 31.—The senate committee on pardons, before which are fifteen applications for pardon from life convicts, were all turned down, with the exception of Henry Hall of Council Bluffs, who will be recommended for pardon. Hall murdered his wife and is now an old man. Sarah Kuhn, the beautiful young widow from Keokuk, Ia., who was accused of murdering her aged husband, was refused a pardon, as also was the notorious Rainsberger brothers, members of the Rainsberger gang that terrorized Iowa for years, and acquaintances of the James and Younger boys.

KILLS TWENTY-FIVE GIRLS

Terrible Explosion in a Factory at Scranton.

ANY OTHERS INJURED MUCH

In a Terrific Explosion Accident in Pennsylvania Today, a Quarter of a Hundred Young Women Met an Awful Death—Others Hurt.

Scranton, March 31.—Twenty-five girls were killed here today and many others injured in a factory explosion.

Iowa Senate Kills Primary Bill.

Des Moines, March 31.—The state senate killed the Crossley primary election law by a vote of 25 to 19. The bill had been heralded as the most important piece of legislation to come before the present session.

R. V. Risley is Dead.

New York, March 31.—Richard Voorhees Risley, an author and magazine writer, and son of John E. Risley, late minister to Denmark, died here of pneumonia. Mr. Risley was in his twenty-ninth year.

Despondent Girl Commits Suicide.

Brining, Neb., March 31.—Despondent because her fiancé, Ernest Lindkugel, dropped dead last Monday, Ada Ross, aged seventeen, living near here, committed suicide by taking rat poison.

BAD ACCIDENT ON A FARM.

A Boy Hurt and Two Horses Killed in a Runaway Near Beatrice.

Beatrice, Neb., March 31.—A most distressing accident occurred upon the farm of Milton Zimmerman, one mile north of Beatrice, in which two horses were killed, and his son, who was driving, narrowly escaped. The boy, a lad of 15 years, was driving four horses hitched to a disc pulverizer, when a threshing machine engine passed, frightening the team, and they started to run away. Seeing that he was unable to manage them, the boy threw himself off behind the knives, and escaped injury, but not so the horses. The two outside horses were cut to pieces and killed. One horse had his hind legs cut off all but a thread of skin.

MILLER WILL LIKELY DIE.

Lumberman Who Came From Albion About a Year Ago.

Hastings, Neb., March 31.—J. M. Miller, manager of the Schneider Lumber Co. here, who attempted to kill himself by taking morphine, is still in a dangerous condition and probably will die. He bought six grains of morphine Monday evening. That night he spent much time figuring and then retired. In the morning his wife found his purse and a note telling her to give the money in the purse to his employers and giving instructions as to his life insurance, of which he carried about \$5,000.

The company's auditor, who came to check up Miller's affairs with the company, says the books are in bad shape but that no shortage has been discovered. N. F. Chaney, the new manager, has arrived here from Carroll, Iowa. Worry over business affairs and the loss of his position is supposed to have caused Miller's act. He told his relatives that he had had trouble with his employers. Miller is 35 years old and has five children. He came to Hastings about a year ago from Albion, Neb.

Parker Carries New York.

New York, March 31.—A summary of returns from the Democratic primaries held in most important counties for the selection of delegates to the state convention shows that the Empire state delegation to the national convention will be instructed to vote for Judge Alton B. Parker as nominee for president.

Advertising Company Bankrupt.

Boston, March 31.—A petition in bankruptcy against Pettiford & Co., an advertising agency of this city, has been filed in the district court by several newspapers. The liabilities are placed at \$1,000,000, while the assets are estimated at about \$250,000.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST

Winners of the Prizes at Columbus Last Night.

THIS SECTION FARES POORLY

West Point Lad Gets a Second Place. W. T. Stockdale of Wisner is Elected President for the Ensuing Year. There is Good Enrollment.

Columbus, Neb., March 31.—Special to The News: The North Nebraska Declamatory contest held its annual contest here last night. Pauline Elias of Columbus took first prize in the oratorical class, Warren Thompson of West Point second.

Carroll Rowley of South Omaha took the first prize in the dramatic class and Lola Odell of Fullerton, second.

Edith Wright of Schuyler took first prize in the humorous class, Merton Bales of Cedar Rapids second.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. T. Stockdale of Wisner; vice president, E. P. Wilson of Ponca; secretary and treasurer, E. B. Sherman of Schuyler.

Judges in the contest were Prof. Hornberger of Lincoln; Prof. Macaudo of Pierce and Prof. Bishop of Newman Grove. Prof. Garrett of Fremont was referee.

The enrollment in the association is very large and a mammoth crowd attended the contest last night.

No Passes for Stock Shippers.

Chicago, March 31.—Traffic officials of the western roads have decided to refuse the request of the live stock associations for the resumption of passes to live stock shippers. It was held that no state has the right to pass a law requiring a railroad to give something for nothing. The committee appointed to arrange a settlement of the sugar rate has called a meeting for April 8 in New York, when it is expected that the committee will meet the representatives of the leading sugar companies and, if possible, adjust the rates from the various manufacturing centers.

BOTKIN JURORS BRIBED

Sensation in the Murder Case at San Francisco.

PLACED IN CUSTODY OF SHERIFF

Men Will Be Dismissed and a New Jury Will Have to Be Impanelled Before the Case is Continued—Five Jurors Tampered With.

San Francisco, March 31.—Superior Judge Cook announced from the bench that an attempt had been made to tamper with the jurors in the Botkin case. He declared that he would discharge the jury and begin the trial of the case anew.

Acting upon information that four jurors had been bribed to favor the prisoner, Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, Judge Cook ordered the jury into the custody of the sheriff. It is alleged that beside four jurors who are said to have been influenced, an attempt was made to bribe a fifth one. When the denouement came in court Mrs. Botkin's attorney made a passionate speech, disclaiming that Mrs. Botkin or any one connected with her case was implicated. Chief of Police Wittman testified that one of the jurors had followed him to his office after the noon adjournment and said that on the previous evening a stranger had called on him and said: "We have secured four jurors for the defense and want a fifth. We will give you \$50." The juror told the chief that he turned down the offer.

TILT IN BENNETT WILL CASE

Bryan Objects to Statement Made by Attorney Stoddard.

New Haven, Conn., March 31.—Further sensational incidents marked the second day's hearing on the appeal of William J. Bryan from the decision of the probate court excluding the \$50,000 "sealed letter" as a part of the will of P. S. Bennett before Judge Gager. Former Judge Stoddard, counsel for Mrs. Bennett, and Mr. Bryan engaged in a wordy war during the morning session and the court had to intervene. It followed immediately after reference to the correspondence between Mr. Bryan and Bennett had been made by Judge Stoddard, in which it was alleged that Mr. Bennett was brought to the point of writing the "sealed letter" by Mr. Bryan. Judge Stoddard implied that Mr. Bryan was withholding their contents, and said: "If this man insists upon getting \$50,000 from the widow by suppressing facts and showing that these letters were written at his behest the court should know the facts." Mr. Bryan jumped to his feet and insisted that Judge Stoddard had misstated the facts, but the court ordered him to sit down.

The day was taken up entirely by arguments on the question of admitting the "sealed letter."

HEINZE IS FINED \$20,000

Montana Copper King Must Pay Big Sum or Contempt o Court.

Butte, Mont., March 31.—F. Augustus Heinze, the Montana copper magnate; A. L. Frank, superintendent of the Johnstown Mining company, and J. H. Trerise, superintendent of the Rarus mine, Heinze properties, were found guilty of contempt of court by Judge Beatty in the United States court in the action brought by the Butte and Boston Mining company against the defendants for entering the Michael Davitt lode claim and extracting therefrom valuable ore on what is known as the Knargite vein. Mr. Heinze was fined \$20,000, while Frank and Trerise were fined \$1,000 each, the fines to be paid today, or the defendants to be taken to Helena in custody of the United States marshal and confined until they are paid.

NO AGREEMENT IN IOWA

Miners and Operators Fail to Settle Wage Difficulty.

BIG COAL STRIKE IS IMMINENT

General Shut Down Appears to Be Inevitable—Over Thirteen Thousand Men Will Quit Work—Joint Committee Unable to Agree on Scale.

Des Moines, March 31.—A committee, composed of five miners and five operators, appointed by the joint scale committee, reported to the joint conference that the scale committee cannot agree, also explaining the points of difference. The joint conference is deliberating on the report. Leader operators say there can be no other alternative now than to shut down the mines throughout Iowa. Until within a few days the only difference between the miner and operator was the question of wages in districts Nos. 1 and 4, the miners contending for a higher scale than the operators would agree to pay. Now the miners demand a decrease in the price of powder, and this has served to further augment the difficulty.

The subcommittee appointed by the miners to consider the strike situation agreed to disagree. The present contract with the operators expires today, and with no other agreement a general shut down is inevitable. There are about 1,000,000 tons of coal in storage, while the railroads have a considerable supply. The miners have from \$70,000 to \$80,000 in their strike fund and enough to last about six weeks. Thirteen thousand, five hundred miners will go out.

SOUTH DAKOTA IS FOR HEARST

Democratic Convention at Sioux Falls Indorses His Candidacy.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 31.—The Democratic state convention did not complete its work until a late hour last night. The report of the committee on resolutions, which was unanimously adopted, reaffirms the principles of democracy "as enunciated by Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan" and instructs the delegates to the St. Louis convention to support William Randolph Hearst, "first, last and all the time for the presidential nomination." The resolutions declare that Hearst will never compromise with trusts, and term him the champion of labor.

One of the features of the session was an address by former United States Senator Richard F. Pettigrew, who stated, among other things, that this, he believed, was the first time he had ever addressed a Democratic convention, but that his entire sympathy was with the Democratic cause. The principal contest of the convention was over the election of a member of the Democratic committee, E. J. Johnson, the present chairman of the Democratic state committee, who was supported by the adherents of Hearst, was elected to the position.

Pittsburg Carmen Win.

Pittsburg, March 31.—At a general meeting of the street car employes of the Pittsburg railway companies the report of the conference committee was read and adopted. The employes get practically what they have been contending for. The companies promised to reinstate five discharged men, take back eight suspended men and will pay to the union \$150, which will be distributed to the men discharged. The strike, which has been threatened for several months, is averted by this arrangement.

Negroes to Nominate Candidate.

East St. Louis, Ill., March 31.—W. T. Scott, a negro, has announced that preparations have been completed for a national convention for the nomination of a negro candidate for president. The convention will be held in St. Louis, July 6, the date set for the national Democratic convention. The name of the new party is "the National Civil Liberal party."

Burton Case Still Pending.

St. Louis, March 31.—No action was taken in the United States district court in the case of United States Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas, convicted of having received payment for protecting the interests of the Rialto Grain and Securities company in the postoffice department.

REFORM PRISON SYSTEM

New Law Goes Into Effect in Georgia Tomorrow.

END OF CONVICT LEASE LAW.

Public Will Hereafter Use the Convicts on State Work.—Commonwealth Will Add \$250,000 a Year to the School Fund by Change.

Atlanta, Ga., March 31.—The new state law which becomes operative tomorrow will mark the beginning of the end of Georgia's convict lease system, the pernicious effects of which are generally recognized. Under the new law one-third of the felony convicts of the state will be taken from the employment of private persons and placed upon the public roads in the counties which have made application for convict labor for this purpose.

Under the new law the state is to retain supervision over the prisoners including those hired to private parties. Though the number to be hired to private parties is reduced one-third by the new law the revenues of the state from this source will be considerably increased owing to the raise in the price of the convict labor following the decrease in the supply.

Under the new contracts the state will receive a total of \$338,119 for the labor of 1,500 convicts, as against \$202,000 per annum for more than 2,100. The expenses of the system will be greatly reduced also, because of the smaller number of camps, and it is estimated that the net result to the state will be \$250,000 for the school fund.

On the Pugilistic Calendar.

Anaconda, Mont., March 31.—Much interest is manifested in sporting circles in the fight between "Spider" Welch and Louis Long, who recently received a decision over Aurelia Herrera, which is slated to come off tonight under the auspices of a local club. The two have met twice before and each has a victory to his credit.

Kansas Socialists.

Wichita, Kan., March 31.—The socialists of Kansas assembled in convention here today with delegates present from many parts of the state. The convention will nominate a full state ticket and perfect plans for waging an active campaign.

POSTOFFICE BILL IN SENATE

Gorman Criticizes Haste in Pushing Appropriation Measure.

Washington, March 31.—The senate began consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill and it was the signal for a revival of the Democratic demand for an investigation into the charges of corruption in the postoffice department. The debate was engaged in by Gorman, who spoke for almost two hours in criticism of the course of the Republican party in the senate in refusing an inquiry and at the same time charging the postoffice committee with undue haste in reporting the bill, as he did the Republican party with a desire to adjourn congress at an exceptionally early date in order to meet the wishes of the president. Clay contended that there should be a congressional inquiry, saying that the charges against Mr. Heath, ex-first assistant postmaster general, were such as to demand investigation. Penrose and Lodge spoke for the Republican side of the chamber, defending the committee on postoffices against the charge of haste and also the administration. Lodge contended that congress could not make an inquiry that would be as thorough as that already made in the postoffice department. He charged the Democratic attack to a desire to find a political issue. Scott quoted District Attorney Beach and Assistant Attorney General Robb as saying there was not sufficient evidence upon which to indict Heath.

House Proceedings.

Washington, March 31.—Substantial progress was made by the house in the consideration of the sundry civil bill, fifty-one pages being disposed of, leaving only twenty-one to be read. No amendments of general importance were made. Bartlett (Ga.) briefly replied to the statement of Gillett (Mass.) on the negro question. He said that the Massachusetts member had lectured the south for disregard of violations of the law, whereas in the city of Marion, Mass., persons who had tarred and feathered a man and woman had been acquitted and were paraded through the streets as heroes. He believed the people of the south are entitled to work out the negro problem "as God shall will it." Crumpacker (Ind.) declared that 2,000 persons have been mobbed and put to death in the last twenty-five years in the United States.

Flood Loss is Greater.

Indianapolis, March 31.—The breaking of the great Belgrade levee on the Illinois side of the Wabash river, across from Vincennes, has greatly increased the danger in Lawrence county, Illinois, at the same time relieving somewhat the flood situation around Vincennes. The Big Four railroad has called for volunteers to aid in fighting the waters, which threaten to sweep away miles of their track. Hazelton, which has been isolated since Monday, is now almost completely inundated. Another name has been added to the list of fatalities by the death of Mrs. Smella Wright of this city. White river is rising at the rate of almost an inch an hour, because of the pressure of backwater from the swollen Wabash and has inundated hundreds of acres of farm land in Knox, Pike and Gibson counties. The farmers are putting horses and cattle into hay lots.

Indiana Dam Breaks.

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Great Western Would Grow.

LaCrosse, Wis., March 31.—Local railroad officials state that the Great Western railway is negotiating for the purchase of the Green Bay road, which would give the former road a line to the great lakes through Wisconsin from Winona, Minn. President Stickney of the Great Western is scheduled to make a trip over the Green Bay line tomorrow.

Novel Accident Kills Two.

Burke, Ky., March 31.—As a fast express train on the Queen and Crescent railway was rounding a curve near Tateville, it struck a cow, knocking the animal against Norton Morgan and his fourteen-year-old son, Oscar, both of whom were killed.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-Four Hours Ending at 8 O'Clock this Morning. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum	45
Minimum	39
Average	42
Precipitation	.02
Total precipitation for month	.39
Barometer	29.60

Chicago, March 31.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Fair Friday, possibly preceded by showers southeast portion tonight. Cooler tonight.

THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER

Jewish Easter Begins at Sundown This Evening.

SERVICES IN THE SYNAGOGUES

Initial Services Held in the Homes of the Worshipers—Method of Observance Varies According to the Beliefs of Congregations.

New York, March 31.—Sundown this evening marks the beginning of the Feast of the Passover. It is the Jewish Easter, according to the Hebrew Chronicle, and is observed by all branches of the faith, the reformed section abbreviating the season of unleavened bread to seven days and being less strict as to the fulfillment of the ancient traditions. The initial services of the feast are in the homes of the worshippers, after a season in the synagogues. Services are held in the synagogues the first two and the last two days of the feast. The method varies according to the beliefs of each congregation. The unleavened bread is made of flour and water and usually in the form of thin wafers. It was the old custom in Jerusalem to bake the matzoh in the sun. There is no rule as to meats or vegetables, but nothing of liquors, save wine, is permitted.

WASHES CARS FROM TRACK

Flood in Missouri Causes Train Crew to Swim for Life.

Piedmont, Mo., March 31.—The Black river has steadily risen during the past week, until it has reached twenty-two feet, which is five feet higher than any previous record. The country is inundated for miles; farm houses have been floated from their foundations; thousands of feet of lumber have been destroyed by the large areas of forests devastated, and, except by wire, this town is completely isolated. It is reported that Rodney Malloy and his wife and James Mangum, his hired man, living four miles from here, have been drowned. The Malloy home has been washed away.

A wave six feet high struck a freight train near Leeper, tore the train and engine from the track and almost drowned the crew before they could swim to safety. The village of Mill Spring is flooded. Many of the inhabitants are living on their rooftops and others succeeded in escaping to the hills.

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