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ARE TO LAUNCH BRYAN

SENATOR ALLEN, M. F. HARRINGTON AND EDGAR HOWARD.

FORMAL CONVENTION DEC. 31

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP CLUBS WILL HOLD MEETINGS.

PLAN FOR CAMPAIGN OF 1908

An Announcement Made in Norfolk for the First Time by Mr. Harrington, Indicates That Railway Ownership is to be Bryan's 1908 Issue.

Former United States Senator William V. Allen of Madison, M. F. Harrington of Columbus and Judge Edgar Howard of Columbus are planning to formally inaugurate the 1908 presidential campaign of William Jennings Bryan at a convention of "Government Ownership" clubs to be held in South Omaha two weeks from next Monday, December 31. At least the close association of the three leaders in this enterprise, with Mr. Bryan, and the identity of their ideas with those of the peerless leader along the line of government ownership, are taken by political students to mean that this convention will be called for the purpose of formally launching the Nebraska leader into the presidential race.

Plan is Announced in Norfolk.
The plan of the government ownership convention was made public for the first time in Norfolk by Mr. Harrington, who passed through the city enroute from Madison to South Omaha, and who spent the morning there. At Madison he was in conference with Senator Allen.

While Mr. Harrington did not make any remark concerning the national significance of the proposed convention, the fact of its coming at this time, when there is no political sentiment to build excepting that for presidential possibilities, is taken to indicate that this is a movement of the friends of Mr. Bryan to announce his candidacy.

Mr. Harrington was one of the very first followers of the Nebraska to adopt the government ownership suggestion and he immediately organized a "government ownership" club at O'Neill. It will be recalled that when Mr. Bryan spoke here during the closing days of the recent campaign, he was followed by Mr. Harrington, who dealt with government ownership, and he was introduced by Senator Allen, who expressed his views as strongly favoring government ownership. Judge Howard, at the congressional convention held here, which nominated Judge Graves, wrote the platform and in it inculcated his and Mr. Bryan's government ownership ideas, even before Mr. Bryan had returned to America and delivered his famous Madison Square speech upon the same doctrine.

It became apparent from this move of Mr. Bryan's friends that he intends to fight his way to the presidency on a government ownership platform, and that he will force the democratic national convention in 1908 to accept his doctrine if it accepts him.

This being the case, it becomes apparent from the announcement that has been made in Norfolk, that the next presidential campaign will be waged upon the "Government Ownership of Railroads" as a paramount issue.

NO LAGGARD IN LOVE.

Sioux City Veteran Has Marrying Record.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 13.—For lack of prosecution on the part of one of his two wives, Thomas J. Strupper, alias John A. Kelly, alias Thomas H. Kelly, has escaped a penitentiary sentence for bigamy. He has been released on his own bonds.

Strupper has been three times married, two of these ventures having landed him in prison. In 1864 he married Alzora Carter at Nebraska City, Neb., and eight years later took to wife Mary De Witt, who is still living. His first wife was living at the time of the second marriage and wife No. 2 preferred charges, Strupper serving a term in the penitentiary for bigamy. After his release he again lived with died.

Last summer the second Mrs. Strupper, who married him believing his name was John A. Kelly, became sick. Strupper hired Eva Scott, a 20-year-old girl, as nurse. She brought the sick woman back to health, and Strupper, having fallen in love with the nurse, went to Sidney, Iowa, with her, where she married him, the wife acting as witness. In defense she says that she thought Strupper's prison sentence had absolved the marriage ties. Strupper used the name of Shaffer in the wedding with the nurse.

The three then came to Sioux City and began living with Strupper's son by his first wife. He learned what had happened and with Mrs. Kelly had Strupper arrested. Both refused to prosecute when the case was called for trial this week. Strupper is 70 years old and served in the civil war.

ADMIRAL CAPPS' REPORT.

Chief of Bureau of Construction Says Government Can Build Ships.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The ability of government navy yards to turn out warships equal in all respects to those built under contract, in the opinion of Rear Admiral Capps, chief of the bureau of construction of the navy, in his annual report, has been fully demonstrated. He urges that at least one yard on the Pacific coast and one on the Atlantic coast, when practicable, should be given a reasonable proportion of new construction work in order that such yards may always be available for any work the government may desire to undertake.

WILL ASK A CONTINUANCE

HOSPITAL ATTENDANTS SEEK TO POSTPONE CASES.

THAT IS THE SUPPOSITION

An Effort Was Made to Apply for "An Abatement" in the Cases, But Judge Boyd Refused to Consider the Motion at That Time.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 13.—Special to The News: The cases against the four Norfolk insane hospital attendants, who are charged with assault with intent to do great bodily injury, will probably be called today or tomorrow.

An effort was made by the defense yesterday to sandwich the cases in just ahead of the Bushnell case and to apply to the court for "an abatement" in the cases. Judge Boyd refused to consider the motion at that time.

To Ask Continuance.
The general supposition here is that a continuance will be asked in these cases.

Court will adjourn Saturday night until January, as this week was all that Judge Boyd allotted to Madison county. He holds court in Antelope county next week.

Bushnell's Alibi.
One of the interesting points brought out thus far in the court, and which has been talked of considerably among the attorneys, was the alibi produced in behalf of Fred Bushnell. It was brought out that Bushnell was in another saloon, entirely away from the spot where Combs was alleged to have been robbed by the defendant, and therefore, according to testimony by Mr. Stokes, he could not have been seen ebbing Combs.

Discharged Soldiers of Twenty-fifth Make Application for Re-enlistment.
Washington, Dec. 13.—The immediate result of a memorandum of Secretary Taft to the military secretary, outlining the procedure to be followed by enlisted men of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who were discharged without honor, was the visit to the war department of six of the discharged colored men, who applied for re-enlistment, declaring that they were innocent of all complicity in and knowledge of the affair at Brownsville. The men had no documentary evidence to present establishing this fact, but their applications were submitted and received upon the assurance that such testimony would be forthcoming at once.

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Fifteen Passengers Injured.

Neelyville, Mo., Dec. 13.—Fifteen passengers were injured, none seriously, in a wreck of Iron Mountain train No. 1, from St. Louis. The smoker, chair car, sleeper and a private car rolled into the ditch beside the roadbed, in which was a foot or more of water. The injured were placed in the baggage car and taken to Poplar Bluff. It is reported that the train struck an obstruction placed on the track.

Clement Guilty on Second Count.

Papillion, Neb., Dec. 13.—The jury in the case of Ernest Clement, tried for killing Lew Goldie in a fight at Albright, Aug. 23 last, brought in a verdict of guilty on the second count, which charged shooting with intent to wound. He was found not guilty on the count charging murder. Fred Clements, father of Ernest, was sentenced to sixteen years.

Negro Narrowly Escapes From Mob.
Omaha, Dec. 13.—For five criminal assaults in as many days upon Mrs. Amanda Reemen, an aged white woman, Robert Robertson, a young negro laborer, was arrested by detectives. The officers arrived just in time to save the negro from a mob which had organized to lynch him.

Arguing Caruso's Appeal.
New York, Dec. 13.—The appeal of Enrico Caruso, the tenor, from his conviction on a charge of disorderly conduct toward women in the monkey house at Central park, came up before Recorder Goff. No new evidence was taken, the proceedings being limited to argument by attorneys.

Indiana Cannery Burns.
Greenwood, Ind., Dec. 13.—The vegetable canning factory of J. P. Polk & Co. burned. Loss, \$220,000. The fire started in one of the packing rooms and an explosion of gasoline spread the flames to other buildings. The destroyed factory was the largest of its kind in the world.

A WRECK IN BLACK HILLS

NORTHWESTERN FREIGHT TRAINS GO TOGETHER.

SEVERAL MEN WERE INJURED

Nobody Was Killed, So Far as Can Be Learned—Eastbound Passenger, Due in Norfolk at Noon, Had Not Left Long Pine Then.

Word has just been received in Norfolk of a freight wreck on the Black Hills division of the Northwestern. Nobody was killed, but several were injured.

The wreck has delayed eastbound passenger train No. 6, which was not out of Long Pine at noon.

O. Rankin, an engineer, formerly of Norfolk, was scalded about the shoulders. No one was seriously injured. A few others were slightly bruised.

EX-SENATOR BRADLEY'S SUCCUMBS

Utah Man, Shot by Mrs. Anna Bradley, Dies From Wound.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Former United States Senator Arthur Brown of Utah, who was shot in his apartment at the Hotel Raleigh Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Anna M. Bradley of Salt Lake, died at midnight at the Emergency hospital.

Mrs. Bradley will be arraigned in police court today on the charge of murder. Her attorneys will set up the defense that she was justified under the "unwritten law" in shooting Mr. Brown.

Dr. W. L. Sheep and Max Brown and Miss Alice Brown of Columbus, O., the former senator's son and daughter respectively, were at the bedside when he expired. He had been unconscious for several hours. After the autopsy is performed the body will be taken to Salt Lake for burial.

Mrs. Bradley is on the verge of collapse and her physicians say that it may be several days before she will be able to be arraigned in court. She will be transferred from the house of detention to a cell in the District jail.

Mr. Brown's life was prolonged for several hours by the injection of salt solution and by administering oxygen. Dr. Charles White, superintendent of the hospital, declared that Senator Brown's case was one of the most remarkable that had ever come under his observation. His death was due to complications brought on by kidney trouble and not to septic poison as a result of the wound. The shock of the bullet wound, however, had aggravated the affections of the kidneys until these organs refused to perform their functions.

EXPLORER PEARY TO TRY AGAIN

Ready to Undertake Another Dash for the Pole.

New York, Dec. 13.—Commander Robert E. Peary, together with fifty other persons, members of the Peary Arctic club and intimate friends, were guests at a dinner given by Morris K. Jessup, at the University club, in honor of the explorer's safe return from the Arctic. Commander Peary, in response to the congratulations of Mr. Jessup, is said to have told his friends that if he could get the right sort of ship for another "dash" to the North pole, he believed he could accomplish his object in a year. It is said assurances were given him at the dinner that the kind of ship he wanted would be provided whenever he is ready to undertake another voyage.

NO DIVORCE FOR HARTJE.

Judge Frazer Decides the Suit at Pittsburg Adversely to Plaintiff.

Pittsburg, Dec. 13.—The famous divorce case brought by Augustus Hartje, the millionaire paper manufacturer, against his wife, Mary Scott Hartje, in which he named Coachman Thomas Madine as co-respondent, was decided in favor of Mrs. Hartje.

Judge Frazer denied the petition of the complainant, but makes no reference to the question of alimony. The children are to remain in the custody of Mrs. Hartje until a further order of the court. The court costs must be paid by Hartje.

BAT MASTERSON IN CONTEMPT

With Two New York Editors He is Accused of Circulating False Report.

New York, Dec. 13.—William E. Masterston, a United States deputy marshal, and William E. Lewis and Henry N. Cary, editors of the New York Morning Telegraph, were arrested, charged with "criminal contempt of court in circulating false and grossly inaccurate reports of the Gillette trial."

Aid Extended to Utes.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Major General Greely telegraphed the military secretary in reference to published reports on the pitiable condition of the Ute Indians at Fort Meade, who recently endeavored to escape from their own reservation to the Crow reservation. General Greely says the Indians need clothing, blankets, shoes and forage for their live stock. He believed some assistance should be extended and asked permission to spend \$5,000, which request was granted.

Fairfax News.

Fairfax, S. D., Dec. 13.—Special to The News: W. A. Peoples, who runs saloons in Fairfax, Bonesteel and Herrick in this county, has sold out in Fairfax to John Detmann, who has been tending bar several years for him.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Harry M. Yiegh of Mitchell county, Kansas, and Miss Emma Hysell of Gregory, this county. It is thought here that the bachelors of the reservation had better watch these Kansas fellows.

The Royal Neighbors of America gave their retiring oracle, Mrs. Charles Sheldon, a reception at the home of Mrs. Fred Flint Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Sheldon is soon to move to Plankinton, S. D., and the Neighbors had this way of surprising her and giving her a neat silver spoon with the name of the camp on it.

FIGHTING FOR BIG HORN

NORTHWESTERN AND BURLINGTON IN A RACE.

CLIMAX TO COME IN FEW DAYS

Burlington Surveyors are Seeking a Route Down South Side of Big Horn Mountains, and it is Said Northwestern Would Likely Quit Fight.

Worland, Wyo., Dec. 13.—An effort which the Burlington road is making to prevent the Northwestern from tapping the rich Big Horn basin, is expected to come to a climax within the next few days, or as soon as the result of the surveying party now on the Nowood divide can make its report to the company. Upon this survey depends not only the entrance of the Northwestern into the Big Horn basin, but also the immediate future of Thermopolis, as the adoption of the Nowood route would leave that town without a railroad.

The Burlington engineers are now seeking a route down the south slope of the Big Horn mountains, and if it can be found the Thermopolis canyon route will be abandoned. The engineers have discovered an easy route up Kirby creek to a point east of Thermopolis, whence the survey goes east to the Nowood, and follows that stream to the top of the divide. The difficulty is in getting a practical grade down Clear creek to Badwater, whence there would be no difficulties.

Cost is Tremendous.

The tremendous cost of the Thermopolis canyon route, together with the agreement with the Northwestern by which the latter is to be allowed the use of the canyon right of way, makes it advantageous to the Burlington to find another way out if possible. Should the Nowood route be adopted it is believed that the Northwestern would long hesitate before deciding to undertake the building of a road through more than twenty-five miles of solid granite canyon and the Burlington thus would be left in sole possession of the Big Horn basin.

IOWA UNIVERSITY A-BOOMING.

Has Greatest Increase of Any School in the United States.

Iowa City, Dec. 13.—The biennial report of the regents of the state university was made to Governor Cummins and the general assembly. The report shows 18 per cent increase in attendance during last year, the greatest increase in the United States. The enrollment, the board prophesies, will reach 2,100 this year, and that the biennium will close with an attendance of 2,300 or 2,400. The regents ask the legislature for \$443,000, of which a large proportion will be expended for a physics building to cost \$150,000; a woman's hall, to cost \$125,000; a college of law building, to cost \$100,000, and engineering, hospital and science hall additions.

Jerome Raids Gambling House.

New York, Dec. 13.—Led by District Attorney Jerome, the police raided an alleged gambling house in Tenth street and arrested 145 men.

Foes of Child Labor Meet.

Cincinnati, Dec. 13.—Delegates are arriving for the third annual convention of the national child labor committee, which opens in this city today, and philanthropists, capitalists, medical men, statesmen and sociologists of the world are prominent among them. In many respects the convention is the most important ever planned by the committee and from present indication it will be the largest in the history of the movement to abolish child labor.

Rev. Cox Acquitted of Heresy.

Cincinnati, Dec. 13.—Rev. George Clarke Cox, rector of the Calvary Episcopal church here, was acquitted of the charges of heresy by the standing committee of the Episcopal diocese of Ohio. The case had its origin in a letter written by Rev. Cox to Bishop Vincent, in which Rev. Cox declared that his sympathy was with Dr. Crapsey of New York.

GOAL TRUST HEAD GUILTY

PRESIDENT OF OMAHA EXCHANGE IS CONVICTED.

JURY OUT THIRTY-FIVE HOURS

Verdict Finds S. E. Howell Guilty of Being in Combine in Restraint of Trade—Penalty May Be as High as \$5,000 Fine or Year in Jail, or Both.

Omaha, Dec. 13.—After thirty-five hours of almost ceaseless deliberation the jury in the first of the coal trust cases, that against S. E. Howell, president of the Omaha Coal exchange, under the anti-trust laws of Nebraska, returned a verdict of guilty of restraint of trade.

Mr. Howell, the defendant, gave a bond for \$5,000. The maximum penalty that can be imposed is a fine of \$5,000 or one year's imprisonment or both, in the discretion of the court. Sentence will not be pronounced until the motion for a new trial has been passed on, which will probably not be for a week or two at least.

James A. Sunderland has been picked from the remaining fifty-four indicted men as the next for trial. His case has been set for Monday of next week.

LAND TRIAL NEARS THE END

Twenty Days Devoted to Evidence in Richards-Comstock Case.

Omaha, Dec. 13.—The twentieth day of the land trial began with J. C. Pettyjohn still on the stand for the purpose of identifying filings on the records of the Valentine land office during his administration as registrar.

Following his evidence old soldiers from the soldiers' home at Milford were placed on the witness stand. These men were the special proteges of A. B. Todd and had been shipped to Gordon to receive the necessary instructions relative to the lands they were to file upon. In these cases the declaratory statements were not only secured, but the filings on the lands executed in the usual manner at the Valentine land office, with a subsequent visit to the notorious "wind mill" claims, all carriage and expense free to the entrymen. The soldiers all made a second visit to the lands to carry out the six months' proviso. Neither of them intended to live on the land, but expected in some way to realize something from their free investment.

The defense evidently has something in the nature of a surprise in store for the jury, as it has not given any sign as to the number of witnesses it may summon. In this event the case is likely to go to argument tomorrow.

HEAVIER BONDS DEMANDED

Accused Insurance Men Must Increase Bail.

New York, Dec. 13.—The bail of Frederick A. Burnham, president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, and George D. Eldridge, vice president of the company, both of whom are under indictment on charges of forgery and larceny, was increased by Justice Greenbaum in the supreme court. Burnham's bail was fixed at \$20,000 and that of Eldridge at \$15,000. Both gave the bonds required.

Hitherto both had been held in \$12,500 bail. The action was taken on request of the district attorney following the conviction of George Burnham, Jr., general counsel of the company, on a charge of larceny under which he was indicted jointly with Frederick A. Burnham and Eldridge.

CIVIC FEDERATION MEETS

Child Labor and Government by Injunction Up for Discussion.

New York, Dec. 13.—The National Civic Federation began its fifth annual meeting at the Park Avenue hotel. There were about 250 persons present, including a number of leading men in commerce, labor, the professions and other walks of life.

The meeting was called to order by August Belmont, the president. In an address, Mr. Belmont reviewed briefly the two topics for discussion at the first day's session, namely, "Child Labor" and "Government by Injunction." The discussion of these two questions which followed, was participated in by a number of men well qualified to speak thereon.

Shah of Persia Near Death.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 13.—The condition of the shah remains practically unchanged. At a consultation of physicians it was discovered for the first time that his majesty's heart base become seriously affected, thus adding a new complication to the situation, which already was considered grave. The condition of his heart and the repeated syncope lead to the consensus of opinion that the shah cannot live more than five days.

Eight Sentenced to Die.

Yekaterinoslav, South Russia, Dec. 13.—A court-martial here imposed the death sentence on eight leaders of the armed uprising of December last, the object of which was the establishment of a military republic in Yekaterinoslav province. Many others who participated in the revolt were condemned to the mines for life.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	48
Minimum	36
Average	42
Barometer	29.56

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Rain or snow tonight and Friday. Decidedly colder.

RAYNOR ON JAP PROBLEM

MARYLAND SENATOR DEFENDS COURSE OF CALIFORNIA.

ALGERIRAS TREATY IS RATIFIED

Senate Confirms Nominations of Bonaparte, Moody, Metcalf and Straus. Opposition Not Strongly Pressed and No Roll Call is Asked.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The open session of the senate was limited so that the major portion of the day might be devoted to a consideration in executive session of the Algeriras treaty. The feature of the day was a speech by Senator Rayner upholding the state's rights doctrine as involved in the present Japanese question on the Pacific slope. He contended that the inherent rights of a state could not be violated by treaty any more than they could be violated by congress. Resolutions were agreed to calling upon the president for information regarding the seizure by Mexico of the fishing schooner Silas Stearns, and directing the secretary of war to furnish information regarding alleged experiments with cholera virus at Manila, resulting in ten or more deaths.

The senate, in executive session, ratified the general act by the delegates of the powers presented at the conference which met at Algieras, Spain, in April last, to draft a treaty concerning Moroccan affairs. Opposition by the Democrats compelled the adoption of a resolution disclaiming responsibility for the participation of the United States in the program arranged by the conference as to the future of Morocco.

Senate Confirmations.
The senate confirmed the nominations of William H. Moody of Massachusetts to be an associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; Charles J. Bonaparte of Maryland, to be attorney general; Victor H. Metcalf of California, to be secretary of the navy, and Oscar S. Straus of New York, to be secretary of commerce. The opposition to Messrs. Moody and Bonaparte, which had been raised in the senate by a number of Democratic senators, was not strong pressed at the session and no roll call was asked. On the viva voce for Mr. Bonaparte, however, there were a number of negative votes on the minority side, estimated at about fifteen. Senators Culberson and Carmack led the discussion against both Mr. Moody and Mr. Bonaparte. There was no opposition to either Mr. Metcalf or Mr. Straus.

BARS SIMPLIFIED SPELLING

House Goes on Record Against Reform Advocated by President.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The house of representatives went on record in opposition to the new spelling as recommended by the president. By a vote of 142 to 25 the following was adopted as a substitute to the item reported by the appropriations committee in the legislative bill.

"No money appropriated in this act shall be used in connection with printing documents authorized by law or ordered by congress or either branch thereof unless the same shall conform to the orthography recognized and used by generally accepted dictionaries of the English language."

For hours the debate on simplified spelling held the attention of the house and a score or more members took part in the discussion.

DUEL OVER FAMILY AFFAIRS

After Exchange of Shots One of the Combatants Kills Himself.

Bristow, Okla., Dec. 13.—M. L. Bradford of Parsons, I. T., was killed or killed himself at the home of his brother-in-law, S. T. Clemens, after a duel over family affairs. Bradford came to Bristow and sent word to Clemens that he intended to kill Clemens and wife. He started to fill his mission and the men exchanged shots. Then Bradford, according to the story of witnesses, turned his own revolver to his head and fired a fatal shot.

Oklahoma Adopts Preamble.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 13.—The constitutional convention, which has been disputing what name to give the Deity in the new state constitution, unanimously adopted the following preamble: "Invoking the guidance of Almighty God in order to secure and perpetuate the blessing of liberty, to secure a just and rightful government, to promote mutual welfare and happiness, we, the people of Oklahoma, do ordain and establish this constitution."