

BLAND BADLY BATTERED

Progressive Men of Both Parties Attack the Retrospective Silver Bill.

QUESTION ONE THAT WILL NOT DOWN

Harter of Ohio Hits Hard—Colonge Ratio Must Be in Close Accord with Market Ratio—Denounced by Eastern Democrats.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—The debate on the Bland free silver bill opened in the house this afternoon. Bland, the author of the bill, led the debate in his favor. Williams of Massachusetts, the anti-free coinage democrat, made the opening speech in opposition.

Bland, in opening the discussion, said the bill proposed to take the matter of coinage back 100 years to the double standard initiated by the wise founders of this government. It would take the silver dollar out of circulation and put the silver dollar back in circulation.

Continuing, Mr. Bland declared that the action of the government of the United States on the silver question had been an invitation to Europe to open the gold standard. We began silver demonetization in 1873, and in all our efforts to restore silver we had been defeated by legislation.

Mr. Williams of Massachusetts (dem.) was acting in behalf of a cause which, so far as he knew, knows no party, but is more a question of right and wrong than of party politics. He said many members of the house would feel obliged to vote for free coinage, although they did not believe in it.

Mr. Harter said that since 1873 he has had in his pocket \$729,000,000 in gold alone, an average of over \$400,000,000 per year. Now, under the Bland bill this would mean that free coinage would take out of circulation and leave what remained, merchandise, as wheat, corn and cotton, are unlimited.

WILL GO TO THE JURY TODAY

Final Scenes in the Youcum Murder Trial at Hastings.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

Strong Appeals Made for the Life and Liberty of Van Fleet's Slayer—How the Jurymen Were Affected—General Nebraska News Notes.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 22.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The district court room was not large enough to hold the immense crowd of people who wished to hear the arguments in the Youcum trial today. The morning audience was placed at 600 by competent judges and at 700 in the afternoon.

General A. H. Bowen made a twenty-five minute argument in behalf of the state. He pleaded insanity of the defense and the fact that the defendant was a man of good character and had a good record.

Lincoln, Neb., March 22.—[Special to The Bee.]—The State Journal company brought suit against R. S. Brown for \$207 in district court today. The case is brought by Ambrose Eddy against the Farmers and Merchants' Insurance Co.

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FORMED A HARRISON CLUB

Representative Republicans of Douglas County Meet at Elkhorn.

ACTIVE WORK FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Wednesday, March 30, the Members Will Assemble at Valley to Continue the Efforts of the Organization—Other Political Nebraska News.

ELKHORN, Neb., March 22.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Today there assembled here a representative body of Douglas county republicans. The meeting was called for the purpose of formulating and perfecting the permanent organization of a republican club.

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PROHIBITION STAYS IN IOWA

High License Bill Knocked Out in the Legislature.

THE REPUBLICANS VOTE AGAINST IT

Party Lines Strictly Drawn and Four Votes Lacking to Make the Measure a Law—Crowds Witness the Final Struggle.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 22.—Prohibition still lives in Iowa. The Gatch high-license, local option bill was defeated in the house this morning by a strict party vote, every republican recording his ballot in favor of indefinitely postponing the measure.

At the opening of the house the steering committees of the two parties were special order. The Gatch bill when it came up by the special order, Story (rep.), who has a leading for the bill, was called upon on account of the death of his mother. Beck, one of the same sort, was also absent. Holiday, who had been sick several weeks, made his appearance.

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CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR

Denver, Colo., March 22.—H. E. J. V. Skiff, who was a member of the state board of World's fair managers and the Colorado representative in the national committee, sent in his resignation some time ago and it was accepted, though he did not resign his position until today.

Chicago, Ill., March 22.—Smuggling false teeth into the United States is the charge laid against Dr. Emma Helwig, upon whose domicile today two federal officers descended. Over 5,000 of the contraband molars were found in her apartments.

Chicago, Ill., March 22.—The depravity of some of Chicago's youths was made evident when the police descended on a pool room which for some time has been running under the Haymarket theater. The only inmates were the regular operators of such places were going on in full blast.

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