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ATLANTIC CITY DRY

Saloons and Cafes in Atlantic City Are

Closed A Week.

NO LEAKS IN LID

Hotel Men Reluctantly He

Advice of the Mayor.

GOVERNOR GETS RESULTS

Threat to Send Troops to City Has

Quick Effect.

ATTITUDE OF SALOON MEN

Their Spokesman Says an Appeal Will

Be Made to the Legislature

for a Local Option

Law.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 30.—A real blues Sunday came to Atlantic City today. Many persons familiar with the story of this far-famed resort have been inclined to doubt the possibility of such a thing, but today every one of the 20 saloons and hotel bars were closed. They were closed alike to bona fide guests as well as to strangers just arrived within the gates. It is said that this was the fourth time in fifty-four years of its existence that a drinkless day had been experienced in Atlantic City. A bulletin posted at police headquarters this morning stated: "Saloons all closed. No troops in town."

Another bulletin, officially signed by the chief of police, consisted of a card on which was printed: "In 1856 it was held the fort. Today it is Fort holds you."

All obey the Law.

Governor Port's proclamation of last week containing his threat to send troops to the seashore in the event of a further violation of the Sunday closing law had its effect. Saloonkeepers and hotel men reluctantly accepted the advice of the mayor and of the more conservative members of the saloon men's organization and closed their places of business as tightly as they knew how. Screens came tumbling down Saturday at midnight and remained down all day. Boardwalk cafés that on Sundays past have been thronged to their utmost, serving liquors and food, today were all but deserted. A visit during the height of the afternoon crush on the boardwalk to one of the most widely known cafés facing the seashore disclosed the fact that not a single person was in the place. The proprietors declared that the loss of the drink privilege had carried with it nearly equal loss in the sale of foodstuffs.

There was no decrease in the visiting throng today, though many persons came from Philadelphia and New York out of sheer curiosity, to see what Atlantic City, the playground of the cities, looked like on a dry Sunday. The weather was well-nigh ideal and ordinarily the inn keepers declared, they would have had their facilities taxed to handle the crowd. The closing down of the saloons undoubtedly kept away many thousands of regular Sunday visitors from nearby places. The majority of the boardwalk multitude here, however, seemed not to mind the change of conditions and enjoyed themselves in other ways during the morning and afternoon. The gay night scenes in the cafés, the music and the singing, were perhaps missed more than any other feature of the resort's changed life. There was an air of Sabbath quietude all the way from the inlet to the beach.

Liquor Men for Local Option.

A spokesman for the affected liquid interests and one of the local political leaders declared that the loss of today's closing would amount approximately to \$10,000. He declared that the saloons would close every Sunday hereafter until some warrant of law will permit of their remaining open.

"We will appeal to the legislature when it meets in January and have hope of securing some sort of relief," he said.

"We will work for the passage of a local option law which will put the question squarely up to the people of the city and county. We have been keeping open in the past as a result of a public sentiment which we believed to be in our favor. If we are wrong we are willing to abide by the decision of our own people. The permanent closing of the saloons and hotel bars unquestionably would hurt the resort and none of us want to see that."

The authorities of the city were much pleased with the thorough manner in which the law was today complied with. Chief of Police Woodruff stated that he had expected there would be a number of arrests for excise violations, but up to ten hours there had been none.

Whatever their attitude in the future, the liquor men capitulated unanimously today. Many attempts in devious ways were made by old patrons to secure concessions of some sort today, but there were no special favors to be had anywhere along the line.

Up to the very hour of midnight last night the board walk cafés were crowded to their utmost. The scenes were like those in a New Year's eve crush on the gay streets of the big cities with the exception that at the hour when the latter celebration really begins the lights here were extinguished and the places cleared.

MISSOURI BANK ROBBED

Cracksmen Get \$150 from Safe at Eastern, but Fail to Get Into Inner Vault.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 30.—The Bank of Eastern, Mo., twelve miles east of St. Joseph, was robbed early this morning of \$150. The funds belonged to the postoffice. The money was between the outer and inner doors of the vault and the robbers were frightened by daylight before securing the bank's funds. The vault was wrecked and a large hole blown in the floor. The four men who committed the robbery were seen at their work for two hours by Mrs. Marshall from across the street, but she was too frightened to give the alarm. They drove away toward St. Joseph and are believed to be the men who robbed the bank at Rushville, Mo., last Wednesday, for whom a reward of \$5,000 has been offered.

SENATOR BROWN TO STAY HOME

Invited to Speak in Ohio, but Probably Will Not Accept.

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Brown has received a pressing invitation from the chairman of the Ohio republican state central committee to make a number of political speeches in that state. It is not probable, however, that he will make any speeches outside of Nebraska.

STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED

Shooting of Sam J. Smith by Officers at Cheyenne Gives Clue to Many Recent Robberies.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 30.—(Special)—Sam J. Smith, the cement construction contractor, shot by Deputy Sheriff Nelson Perry last night while attempting to avoid arrest on a charge of burglary, has developed into the biggest criminal catch ever made by the sheriff's office. Today another cache of stolen property made by Smith was uncovered in West Cheyenne and from this hiding place was taken goods which positively identify Smith as the mysterious safecracker and burglar that last winter and spring baffled the police and the sheriff's force. The property recovered today is worth at least \$1,000, a motor-cycle taken from Frank Haneschka, the Glenn store, and a diamond ring stolen from R. S. Van Tassel's safe alone representing a value of \$500. The total value of the stolen property recovered last night and today is in excess of \$2,000. Smith, while very seriously wounded, is resting easily and his recovery is expected. Indeed, such is his condition that he has been considered advisable to station a deputy sheriff at St. John's hospital to thwart any attempt at escape the prisoner may make. Long questioning this morning and again this afternoon failed to draw from Smith any admission of guilt, other than a confession of the Glenn burglary, the crime which first cast suspicion upon him and in attempting to avoid arrest for which he was shot by Perry.

Property recovered has been identified as looted secured in the burglary of Burlington and Colorado & Southern box cars, the R. S. Van Tassel coal office, the home of Frank Haneschka, the Glenn store, the Wyoming Hardware company stores, Dr. J. H. Conway's office, the home of Policeman Tom Adams and the stock room of the Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power company. Also a bicycle which was stolen from Deputy Sheriff Perry, who shot Smith last night, was recovered piecemeal. When identified of all articles of the greatest mass of recovered loot has been made it is expected Smith will have been connected with more than a dozen burglaries in addition to those named and that he will be liable to cumulative sentences totaling more than 300 years' imprisonment.

Smith's wife, who yesterday morning began divorce proceedings on the ground of cruelty, says she had no intimation of her husband's criminal character, although he brought much of the stuff he stole to their house.

REV. BINGAMAN FOR TAFT

Zion Baptist Minister Resents Implication that He is Not Loyal Republican.

Rev. James A. Bingaman, pastor of Zion local church, says articles appearing in local press signed by one Bingaman, purporting to be a colored man, advocating the election of Bryan and denouncing Taft, have caused him much annoyance.

"I have had friends call me on the street and ask me what I meant by turning against Mr. Taft and the republican party in that way," said Mr. Bingaman. "They had read this stuff and jumped to the conclusion that it was written by me. I think that is the purpose of these articles—to give out the impression that I am advocating Bryan instead of Taft. If that is, I want to say right here that my republicanism never had cause for more emphatic manifestation than it has this year in advocating and voting for Mr. Taft. I want also to say, that those colored people who are allowing demagogues to pull the wool over their eyes and make them think Taft is not their friend and Bryan is, are making dunces of themselves. All this hullabaloo about the Brownsburg affair is purest political bungling and is being peddled for the sole and specific purpose of injuring Mr. Taft. The men who are agitating this question are not the friends of the negro, but they are political tricksters, trying to cajole the negro into believing that his race has suffered an injustice at the hands of the republicans. But their plot is too apparent; the great majority of negroes see through it all and they will know where democrats stand by putting up their votes as usual for the republican nominees."

Mr. Bryan is not the friend of the negro and Mr. Bryan's party is not the friend of the negro, and it is the worst sort of hypocrisy for Mr. Bryan and his party to pose as such, even for the purpose of trying to make votes."

BIG FIRE IN NEW ORLEANS

Blaze in Wholesale District Does Damage of Over Million Dollars.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 30.—Fire which broke out here today at Bienville and Chartres streets in the wholesale jobbing district here already does a damage of upwards of \$1,000,000 and is not under control. An inadequate water supply hampered the firemen in their work when the blaze was first discovered.

The fire was under control shortly before 8 o'clock tonight. The loss is variously estimated at between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

JOE BURNS FINDS ENOUGH WATER

Tests Made at Grand Island Show Supply is Sufficient.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special)—Tests of three new wells dug by Contractor Joseph Burns of Lincoln, under a stipulation that he is to furnish 2,000,000 gallons of water daily, indicate that the water shortage days are over in Grand Island. The compressors involved in the plan were tested on two of the wells this morning and a big flow of water was shown, a stream being thrown twenty feet out of a six-inch opening. The reservoir, constructed in connection with the improvements, has undergone its second test and found to leak about an inch an hour, though this is a great improvement over the first test. The reservoir holds about 40,000 gallons and it is believed that the present leaking is largely seepage caused in part by the immense pressure of the water. No difficulty, it is believed, will be met in remedying this defect. The improvements will be made by a direct levy, slightly increasing city taxes this year, thus avoiding a bond issue and an increase of the debt.

Pollard Speaks at Blair.

BLAIR, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special Telegram)—Congressman Pollard had a good crowd to hear him at the opera house tonight. He held to the argument that the great industrial problem was the paramount issue of the campaign. His references to Roosevelt and to Governor Sheldon were heartily cheered. At the close of his address a former prominent democrat stepped forward and signed the Taft club list. The meeting was a most interesting one and Congressman Pollard made many friends by his masterly address.

SPRECHER TO SUPPORT TAFT

Populist Editor Announces This as His Purpose.

BRYAN ONLY AN OFFICE SEEKER

Convinced Democratic Candidate Adheres to and Drops Issues Merely for Votes They Will Bring.

"Taft and Sherman" is the title of a leading editorial in the current issue of the Schuyler Free Lance, in which its popular editor, John C. Sprecher, announces his determination to support the republican candidates for president and vice president.

Mr. Sprecher says he is "disgusted" with Mr. Bryan for the way he supports and endorses issues and he is convinced the Lincoln candidate is out after the votes and is willing to adhere to any policy that will bring him to power.

The Schuyler editor is a populist leader. He was twice elected to the lower house of the Nebraska legislature by his party in Colfax county, and in the leading session he was the recognized floor leader, taking an active part in debate, seeking to keep the record straight for the political element he represented. Mr. Sprecher, during his participation in the legislative councils was an active partisan and his decision has always been regarded as following a thorough consideration of any question upon which it was offered.

Mr. Sprecher tells of his decision to support the republican national ticket in the following words:

"The editor of the Free Lance is not a republican and does not expect to be. This editor is a populist in belief, and endorses the principles of that party which has nominated Tom Watson again for president. He is for the platform that Tom Watson runs on and is an admirer of Watson's, and voted for him four years ago. But this year in Nebraska a populist cannot vote for Watson owing to the manipulation of the electors by the machine element of that party, which is made up of a lot of masquerading democrats. In Nebraska this year a populist cannot vote for Watson and must be disfranchised or else choose from the other nominees."

Sprecher Disagreed with Bryan.

"Above all else this year, the Free Lance editor is opposed to the election of W. J. Bryan to the presidency because he is simply disgusted with the standing candidate, who is apparently for or against any proposition that will not get him votes. In 1896, when Bryan ran for president the first time, this writer was enthusiastic for him and was a 'silver' advocate, not that we considered his bimetallism a solution of the money question, but because we were opposed to the single gold standard and looked upon 'free silver' as a step in the right direction of an increase of currency. But it was a part of the 'intrinsic value' sophistry as was the gold standard idea and a makeshift at best."

In 1899, when still standing by his "free silver" idea, Bryan made the fake of anti-imperialism and anti-militarism his chief issues. He based his charges of imperialism on the Philippine policy of the government, after he was to a great extent responsible for it, and his cry of the dangers of a large standing army was bunched. While not a warm supporter of his, still he was voted for that year because we were not a McKinley advocate.

"But Bryan's actions since 1899 and his present campaign work and talk are such that we cannot support him and feel it is duty to oppose his election and in the most effective manner.

On Ice for Four Years.

"In 1904, in the national democratic convention, he was not a candidate—that is, he had put his candidacy on ice because he realized that no one could defeat Roosevelt, so he stayed back and let Parker get the benefit, so that he could come forward again in 1908 as a greater and apparently stronger leader than ever. All he did in that campaign was to keep himself in line and regular, the while he saw to it that Parker and Parker were killed off. In that convention the appeal of Mayor Brand Whitlock and Chairman Kent Hamilton that citizens throw open their homes to care for the honored visitors, met with a general response. Apparently no precaution for the comfort of the veterans has been overlooked. An information corps in addition to the "ark me" army has been scattered about the city at strategic points, and the tents wherein they await inquiries, bear on signs readable for blacks in white, "Information."

Lights in All Windows.

Householders generally have agreed to keep their porch and front windows lights burning that the strangers may have the convenience of finding their way at night. As to decorations, they are red, white and blue bunting material, lending itself to that color scheme, and of every design, from the customary festoon draped by human hands to parabolas draped by a mischievous wind.

Not only are the principal business streets elaborately decorated, but the residence districts have followed suit and family parties often their front porches to night sat behind draperies of American flags and bunting.

With the exception of the California delegation, which arrived 400 strong on a special train this afternoon, arrivals today were mostly small parties from nearby towns, coming in by trolley. Tomorrow a great incursion of veterans and their friends and families is expected. The local committee is prepared to care for from 75,000 to twice that number.

Three Candidates for Commander.

The campaign for the office of commander-in-chief was in full swing tonight, three of the candidates, for Governor Van Sant of Minnesota, Livingston T. Dickson of Illinois and Colonel Henry M. Nevins of New Jersey, being on the ground. Colonel Nevins is counting on a solid vote from the east, because of the fact that the present commander-in-chief is western men.

"His professed belief in governmental ownership of railroads is dropped because he saw that it would not do and would lose him votes, so it is dropped, as is all things that do not bring net results."

The tariff is again made one of the main issues, after being neglected for several campaigns, but in that he will not find a great issue, for the republicans are declaring for a revision the while they hold to the principle of protection.

"His main effort will be to gain the vote of organized labor with his anti-injunction plank, which simply means that labor is not protected in any legitimate rights, but is licensed to commit outlawry in time of strikes or riots and that the courts are powerless to protect life and property at times when protection is necessary. Labor and capital must travel hand in hand and one can not be permitted to unjustly treat the other and be of permanent benefit to itself. The anti-injunction plank snatches too much of damages for a man to aspire to the high office of president on.

"Bryan has deserted 'free silver,' he is weak on 'imperialism' and he is not frankly calling attention of the American people to the dangers of our 'enormous' standing army, but what he is doing aside from holding for the labor vote is to go before the people on a lot of little matters that at best are but policies and not principles, such as guarantees of bank deposits and publicity of campaign contributions, and with the war cry of 'Let the people rule,' which is the rankest sort of bumbo and the words of a grandstand player."

"Why, Bryan is even palling the negro

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Bryan's Trick Mule

And He's Still Up to One of His Old Tricks.



SKIRMISH LINE IN TOLEDO

Advance Guard of Veterans Arrives for Grand Army Reunion.

TRADITIONAL TENTS ABANDONED

Comrades Are to Be Housed Under Real Beds—City Elite ornately Decorated.

RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES.

The Bee submits for the guidance of republicans the following list of candidates to be voted on in Douglas county as worthy of support:

For Elector, Second District—Vote for one.

HOWARD H. BALDRIDGE.

For Governor—Vote for one.

GEORGE LAWSON SHELTON.

For Lieutenant Governor—Vote for one.

M. R. HOPEWELL.

For Secretary of State—Vote for one.

GEORGE C. JUNKIN.

For State Auditor—Vote for one.