

# Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan and Party at Omaha Depot



Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan came to Omaha yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Bryan, to be the guest of the Omaha Commercial club at a noonday luncheon, and guest of the University club at a formal dinner in the evening. Secretary and Mrs. Bryan were met at the depot train by a committee of members of the Commercial club and the University club, accompanied by their ladies. In the line shown in the photograph, from left to right, are: C. J. Smyth, Harry S. Byrne, Mrs. O. T. Eastman, Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm, George H. Kelly, Mrs. W. J. Bryan, Mr. Bryan, Clement Chase, Mrs. W. F. Baxter, C. E. Yost.

## BRYAN SPENDS DAY AS GUEST OF OMAHA AT SEVERAL AFFAIRS

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not to be continued in this, albeit the president's statement was not intended to reflect upon the last administration. "Our point of view is different," he explained. "And I find it much easier for me to take that point of view."

When the president made that decision, Mr. Bryan said he did that which will give American capital more access to foreign trade than any former decision. I know that it is the attitude of many of the foreign countries that when a trader comes to them he is deemed the forerunner of his country's military power.

The announcement on the Chinese loan was an announcement, declared the speaker, not of that particular country, but of all countries. "Our policy is not contracted or restricted, and needs every possible encouragement from the American people," said he. "We must insist upon the scrupulous integrity of Americans abroad, just as we insist upon that of foreigners here. Moreover, we should more strongly insist that the standards of our citizens be held up in foreign lands. They must not disgrace us before those who cannot know the masses of the people."

**Creates Laughter.** Mr. Bryan mentioned "the changed attitude of his paper toward the new administration," bringing hearty laughter. He said that ever since the Commercial had started it had been criticizing the administration. He had noticed a changed attitude lately.

He himself had changed, he said, as he smiled broadly. "I find my position different. I am more realistic now. I have been very outspoken heretofore. I can't say in advance what the administration is going to do, even if I know; and after it does it there is nothing to say. And in conclusion, I hope there is nothing I have said today that I will have to take back."

**Kitchen is Emptied.** The Commercial club held a bigger crowd at the luncheon than it ever did

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before. When service began in the dining room at 11:30 o'clock every seat was taken, and the lobby and lower floor was crowded with persons awaiting their turn at a second table. And after that there was a third table which could receive only partial service because the kitchen had practically been emptied. Extra chairs were provided and at least 400 men and women stood in the vacant places about the tables. Almost half the crowd was composed of women, wives and friends of the members.

The club rooms were decorated throughout with cut flowers and potted plants, while from the chandeliers, the windows and walls hung huge American flags. Flags were also placed conspicuously on the outside of the Woodmen of the World building and a large one waved from the flagpole 200 feet above the pavement.

The speakers' table was surrounded by prominent Omahans, and a special table and the hostesses. This table was beautifully decorated with roses, and at each place was a corsage bouquet of violets for the women. The spirit of the occasion was even carried out in the meal from the first dish, a grape fruit in which was stuck a small flag, to the last one, which was a brick of ice cream in the colors and shape of a flag.

Those who were at the speakers' table at the Commercial club banquet were:  
C. C. Allison, J. H. Millard,  
H. H. Baldrige, A. L. Mohler,  
W. F. Baxter, H. E. Newbrannch,  
C. C. Holden, D. A. Parkhurst,  
George Brandeis, R. C. Peters,  
Norris Brown, Joseph Pulcar,  
Randall K. Brown, T. C. Root,  
W. J. Bryan, J. C. Rosewater,  
H. S. Byrne, A. W. Carpenter,  
C. W. Russell,  
P. S. Cowgill, C. J. Smyth,  
J. C. Dahlman, John Steel,  
E. H. Kelly, J. A. Blandland,  
J. F. Dietz, Warren Switeler,  
O. T. Eastman, Cadet Taylor,  
T. A. Fry, H. A. Tolkey,  
W. M. Gault, J. M. Webster,  
P. L. Haller, J. C. Wharton,  
W. D. Hosford, R. B. Wilcox,  
A. W. Kutz, C. M. Wilhelm,  
J. A. C. Kennedy, J. W. Woodrough,  
J. L. Kennedy, H. W. Yates,  
C. E. Yost, Messadams,  
J. C. Dahlman,  
Victor Rosewater, J. Vancot,  
R. E. McKelvey, C. M. Wilhelm,  
H. E. Madridge, O. T. Eastman,  
Miss Sales, Norris Brown.

Besides the members of the reception committee that waited at the Burlington station for the train, between 100 people gathered at the platform and on the viaduct to get a glimpse of the new secretary of state, who, although he has been recognized as one of the foremost citizens of the United States for sixteen years, has not until now held an official position since the days before his first nomination for president, over sixteen years ago, when he was a congressman from Nebraska.

**Man with a Gun.** The name of Bryan was on the lips of every one at the depot platform, and while the party posed for the pictures there were more than a few jovial remarks passed. With their eyes nailed to the bullseye of the camera, none of the committee noticed a man with a repeating shotgun passing rapidly behind some trucks. It was a fine polished gun, and the fact that the man passed behind the trucks, piled high with baggage, made him appear in the eyes of some humorist a suspicious character. The humorist yelled:  
"Nab the assassin."  
The bystanders laughed. The camera clicked. The man with the dangerous gun examined his check and piled it on top of a stack of baggage, where it belonged. The party hurried to the automobiles, and was off for the Commercial club.

## TO SERVE BREAKFAST AFTER MORNING SERVICE

The Hanson Park Methodist Episcopal church is establishing a precedent for its Easter morning service that ought to have a good influence over the attendance. At the close of the sunrise ceremonies, which start at 7:30 a. m., there will be a light breakfast for the early risers.

## FARMER BUYS BIG TRACT OF LAND NORTH OF MILLARD

J. M. Cook, a farmer, has bought from the heirs of Count John A. Creighton the 12-acre farm north of Millard. The estate sold for \$48,000.  
Sam Werthamer has bought a home in the Field club district from H. O. Fredrick, paying \$10,000.  
D. L. Morgan is another home buyer,

## Many Questions Go to the Voters of South Dakota

PIERRE, S. D., March 22.—(Special.)—The last legislative session submitted more different propositions to the people for the next general election than has any other session since the beginning of statehood, and even without any referred laws being submitted, the ballot of laws and amendments to be presented to the people next year will be a long one. The most important proposition presented was senate resolution No. 4, which submits to the people the matter of a constitutional convention for a general revision of the constitution, which will have been in existence for twenty-five years by the time the vote is taken, and which has been amended in many of its particulars since it was formed, and many other amendments suggested by the last session.

The other matters presented are equal suffrage; allowing the creation of irrigation districts, in the same manner as drainage districts are now formed; granting the right to call an outside judge to sit on the supreme bench in case members of the court are interested parties; creating a state board of control, to have charge of the different state institutions; authorizing the legislature to fix the percentage of votes required to invoke the referendum or recall in municipalities; fixing legislative terms at four years; allowing county superintendents of schools to serve more than two terms; reducing the interest on deferred payments for state lands from 6 per cent to 5 per cent.

Besides these constitutional amendments, two initiated laws were presented, one a new primary act, to take the place of the Richard law, which was framed by the democrats, and which has for one of its features, a provision for the organization of new parties; and the other the new liquor law, which allows a license or no license vote, to stand until

## Telephone Girls Heroines in Big Southern Storm

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 21.—Heroines of the storm at Murfreesboro are Misses Mabel Hill and Minnie Yearwood, who, though still in their teens, stayed at their posts as night operators at the telephone exchange. While the storm was at its height and the walls were falling nearby and pieces of flying timbers breaking the glass in the building they occupied, they remained, signaling the fire companies and arousing citizens. When it was all over they broke down and cried.

## Sylvia Pankhurst Wins Out in Her "Hunger" Strike

LONDON, March 22.—Sylvia Pankhurst the militant suffragette, today won her liberty from Holloway prison by a "hunger strike." Further confinement would have endangered her life. Miss Pankhurst, daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the militants, was sentenced February 19 to two months' imprisonment for engaging in a window smashing campaign. She went on a "hunger strike" and the authorities tried open her mouth with a steel gag and fed her through a tube.

## DR. FAST TAKES CHARGE OF BEATRICE INSTITUTE

BEATRICE, Neb., March 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. W. S. Fast of St. Joseph, Mo., who was recently appointed superintendent of the Feeble Minded Institute here, assumed charge today. Dr. W. Thomas, retiring, Dr. Fast will have as assistants, C. P. Underwood, bookkeeper,

## John P. Morgan and Guggenheim Named in Land Fraud Trial

CHICAGO, March 22.—The names of J. P. Morgan and the Guggenheims today were brought into the trial of Albert C. Frost and four others for alleged Alaskan coal frauds, by Albert Fink, an attorney for the defense.

C. D. Hamel, special agent for the government, was put on the stand to give names of persons affiliated with Frost. "What was the attitude of the general land office in regard to taking out coal claims?" he was asked.

The question was objected to. "If the defense has any evidence of conspiracy it cannot be brought out on cross-examination," ruled Judge Landis.

"I don't want to charge any one with conspiracy," replied Fink. "In the absence of proof, but there are suspicious circumstances indicating this trial is being managed in the interests of Morgan and the Guggenheims outfit, with the intent of driving independent mine operators out of the country."

"You will have the assistance of the court in bringing these witnesses to testify," asserted the court.

Hamel read a long list of persons who were locators of Alaskan claims, all of whom are said to have been in some way associated with Frost.

Miss Florence Capron testified she was approached by C. W. Mirrelles, former traffic manager of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric railroad in 1906, and he induced her to sign an application for an Alaskan coal claim without her gaining any definite understanding of what she was signing. Mr. Frost was the head of the railroad.

## MILLIONAIRE DROPS DEAD IN UNDERTAKER'S SHOP

LA CROSSE, Wis., March 22.—James C. Pullmer, father-in-law of J. Ole Storey, a millionaire, Portland, Wash., lumberman, dropped dead late today in an undertaker's shop, into which he had stopped for a chat. Death was pronounced due to arterio sclerosis.

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