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BRYAN AND THE OTHERS

Democrats of Different Views Dine and Talk Last Night.

Bryan Outlines His Platform for the Campaign of 1900.

A Van Wyck Principal Speaker at the Ten Dollar Dinner.

He Did Not Mention Silver or Anti-Expansion, Themes of Bryan's Speech, But Attacks Trusts

Milwaukee, Wis., April 13.—At the Jefferson banquet here tonight Bryan indicated the lines along which the next national campaign would be fought. He said he was taking no risk in saying that no step taken in 1896 should be retraced. Suggestions that the money question be abandoned were not supported by evidence, and if anything additional arguments had arisen in support of free silver at 16 to 1.

Bryan went on to give the history of what he regarded as the failures of the republicans to reform the currency. "The milk trust teaches the infant as he enters the world," said Bryan. "The ice trust cools him in summer; the coal trust keeps him warm in winter, while the coffin trust waits to receive him after life's fitful dream is over."

Bryan opposed the increase in the army and reiterated his well known views against imperialism. He analyzed the recent proclamation to the Philippines, showing its similarity to the victorious proclamation to the people of India forty years ago, regarding which the people still complain the Englishmen hold the offices while they pay the taxes.

THE TEN-DOLLAR DINNER

New York, April 13.—Democracy of a new brand, with no use for Bryan, celebrated itself tonight at the Metropolitan Opera House. About 1,000 ate and drank the much heralded \$10 dinner. Triumphant democracy was the watchword of the dinner and Augustus Van Wyck was the principal speaker. There were other speakers who pined unanimously for a new democratic leader, and as Van Wyck's speech outlined a new democratic platform with Bryan, free silver and anti-expansion omitted, the occasion might well be taken as the beginning of the battle for the control of the party in 1900. Significant also is the fact that in Milwaukee tonight Bryan outlined his platform for 1900, which was the Chicago platform entire, with anti-imperialism added.

The dinner as a social success was a grand success, and established firmly Croker's club as the Fifth avenue organization. Perry Belmont presided. Other speakers were R. B. Roosevelt, whose theme was the need of a leader; General Cullin, whose speech savored of imperialism, and John W. Keller, who eulogized Tammany. The reform of the tariff and a restriction of the trusts were put forward by Augustus Van Wyck as ground enough for a successful appeal to the people at the next national election. He brought the two questions together, saying the tariff had been one prolific

source of monopoly and a monstrous misuse of the franchise giving power another. He challenged the supporters of the present tariff to name a single considerable branch of industry over which its protection had been extended, which was not now controlled by a confederacy of conspirators against competition.

The effect of the trusts was forcibly sketched and the conclusion drawn that in the end they resulted in strangling prosperity and the happiness of a great people.

Van Wyck reverted to state issues, urging the improvement of the canal, which should not be impaired at the instance of railroads.

The prospect of an alliance with Great Britain called forth a sharp attack. England's attitude in the past and her present position as our chief commercial competitor made such an event impracticable and each nation should attend to its own business in a spirit of fair play.

Van Wyck advised keeping a close watch for mistakes in the party and then a demand for a change would be so imperative that unity among democrats would result.

Bryan, free silver and expansion were not mentioned by Van Wyck.

CHIEF JUSTICE FIELD'S FUNERAL

Impressive Ceremonies Held Yesterday at the Church of the Epiphany.

Washington, April 13.—The funeral services of the late Justice Field were held at the church of the Epiphany at 10:30 this morning. The church was crowded and many distinguished visitors were present, among whom were: President McKinley, Secretaries Long and Wilson and Attorney General Griggs, the British, Russian and German ambassadors, Chinese minister and the diplomatic representatives of other foreign countries.

APPOINTMENT MADE.

Special to the Gazette. Washington, April 13.—Senator Pritchard interviewed the president and attorney-general today, and an agreement was reached that the appointment of Ewart should be made immediately. The bitter contest has ended and Pritchard has won.

Washington, April 13.—The president today again appointed Hamilton G. Ewart United States judge of the western district of North Carolina. This has become a casus celebre, as this is Judge Ewart's third appointment, the senate having failed to confirm him for reasons fully set forth at the time. Some of the president's advisers have urged him strongly not to repeat this nomination but political necessities have proved inexorable.

UNIVERSITY WINS.

Special to the Gazette. Knoxville, Tenn., April 13.—The baseball game between Weaverville college and the University of Tennessee, said to be the best college game ever played on the Knoxville diamond, was played here today. At the ninth inning the score was 2 to 2. The University won in the tenth inning on a score of 5 to 4.

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STORY OF THE KILLING OF BAKER.

Sensational Testimony Given by a Witness Who Turns State's Evidence.

Charleston, April 13.—Joseph P. Newham, one of the men who turned state's evidence in the Baker trial was on the witness stand today and gave the following story of the killing of Baker:

"In February, 1898, I met these parties together in Lake City. Some one gave me information and from that I went to Stokes that night, and found the crowd there waiting to go to destroy the postoffice. The men said there were not enough men there. Epps said he could go and get help at Cade's and have help ready by Monday night. Godwin was to get a crowd at Half Moon Bluff. Monday night I went back to Stokes. I was in town all day, got supper and got to Lake City about 10 o'clock and went to Stokes. I found Stokes, Godwin, Lee, Epps, Webster, Ward, Alonzo Rogers, Martin Ward and Dunham Singletary.

"After I got there we were looking for more help. I was put on watch and stopped McKnight from going to the warehouse and took him to the store. I was sent out to watch for McKnight. Tody Godwin was with me. They said, 'Well, we haven't the men we are looking for, but we can't wait. Let's kill him.' Singletary said he could not go, and he remained at the store. Those who went were myself, Lee, McKnight, Henry Stokes, Moultrie Epps, Tody Godwin, Alonzo Rogers, Martin Ward, William Webster and Charles Joyner. I am not sure Joyner came in Stokes that night. I think he met us at Godwin's store. I saw guns that night. Several had guns and Stokes went out and got more. We went to Godwin's and Dr. Williams' and got other weapons, carbines. We got guns at Williams' drug store, where Epps clerked. I think Stokes said he got the guns from Sheriff Daniels. He brought in a double-barrel shot gun and a Winchester rifle, a sixteen-shooter. The carbines belonged to the military company in Lake City, and I think they shot a 44-calibre ball. Before we left the store we had agreed to fire the postoffice and get Baker out and kill him. We then left the store and went to Godwin's store, where we got a two-gallon bucket of kerosene oil and a bag of shavings. We went from there to a spot near the postoffice and arranged for Lee to fire the postoffice, but Lee backed out and asked me to go with him. We had stopped forty steps from the postoffice.

"Around the house there was a fence, with a church near by. On one side of the house, next to Cade's, was the wood which came to five or six steps from the house. On the side next to Lake City there was a cotton field. There was a rail fence on the Lake City side of the postoffice, about forty steps from the postoffice. At the point where we stopped we went down past the corner of the fence and went up the avenue and stood behind a tree. Lee backed out about firing the office. They asked me and I said I would not go unless I could get a gun. They gave me a carbine, and I said I did not know how to use it, so they gave me a double-barrel shotgun.

"I went with Lee from the crowd, and Lee and I went to fire the office. Lee poured the kerosene on the shavings and put some oil on the house. Lee gave me his gun, but the shavings in by the chimney of the house and then poured on the oil. He struck a match on his pants and it went out. He struck another. The flames shot up. Then the flames died down. I heard cries from the house and then the shooting began. At that time I was twenty steps from the chimney end of the postoffice. When it blazed Lee and I ran to the church and got behind the well curb. When the house was burning brightly, lighting the town, we ran across the fields and got away.

"I heard the guns, lots of them, and saw the flashes. The shooting was from the Cade road side, near the fence corner. I saw no firing from any other direction.

"I went to the Baptist church. On the way I saw a man I thought to be Lawrence Dove, so I got in a ditch and hid until he passed. I was all alone at the time. The Baptist church is east of the railroad from Charleston and near Singletary's. When I was in the ditch there was continued firing."

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THE HITCH OVER SAMOA

Question as to Whether Joint Commission Can be Formed.

United States and England Hold German Officers Responsible for Outrage.

And Insist that Commission Shall Investigate Rose's Conduct.

Germany Wants Mataafa's Government Restored, and this is a Crucial Point of Difference to Settle.

Washington, April 13.—Events today have not changed the unsatisfactory condition of the Samoan negotiations, although officials are hopeful that the differences will be removed shortly.

Great Britain is still the retarding element in the point under consideration, that of whether the majority or a unanimous vote shall determine the action in the joint commission, but it is a mistake to suppose that the three powers agree on the instructions to be given the Samoan commissioners.

The government has placed the transport Badger at the disposal of the commission, and she will be held at San Francisco awaiting an agreement. Von Sternberg's appointment as the German commissioner was officially announced today. He will not go to Berlin now that an agreement seems possible.

The present status of negotiations embraces a disagreement on the majority or a unanimous vote question and the question of the scope of the investigation. Great Britain favors a majority vote. In the other point of difference this government is more vitally interested.

The American and British governments hold that the German officers at Apia are responsible and are insisting that the commission shall be instructed to investigate the conduct of Rose and Rafel.

Germany on the other hand wants the Matafaa government restored, and the commission proceed to conduct the inquiry from the standpoint of its legal existence.

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