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#### BRYAN ON M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE

#### It Isn't any Worse Than He Expected, But is all Wrong.

Austin, Dec. 12.-William J. Bryan has devoted his time since his return from his hunting trip to the study of McKinley's message. He says he is not much surprised at the tenor of the document, for nothing else could be expected from McKinley, who, he declared, was the exponent of the party that has ever fostered trusts and that in waging a war of conquest operated on the theory that right is might. On the money question, he says, McKinley has adopted the views of Wall street, while on trusts he confines himself to a general condemnation without suggesting

In discussing the Philippine question Bryan declares that McKinley plants himself on the strong, monarchial ground that the strong have a divine right to take care of the weak and kill the weak if they object. In regard to the house currency bill Bryan says it is part of the gold standard plan, and he hopes it will be defeated.

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Unconstitutionality of Suffrage Amendment Brought Up in the Senate.

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and small buttons, formerly \$10 to \$12, To Which They are Entitled Under a Republican Government.

> The Senator Will Speak on the Resolution at an Early Date.

A MOVE THAT BRINGS THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF THE AT-TEMPTED DISCRIMINATION IN SUFFRAGE RESTRICTION BE FORE CONGRESS FOR DISCUS-

Gazette Office,

Washington, Dec. 12. Senator Pritchard today introduced resolution in which it is declared that States and that any state adopting this fore, clearly within the scope of the provision thereby deprives its people law. senate, and the matter will be brought body through a speech to be made by the resolution will be allowed to remake the speech advocating its adopweeks. The resolution is as follows

amendment to the constitution of said transmission of funds. state as follows:

himself for registration shall be able to 1st of January. reald and write any section of the constitution in the English language; and before he shall be entitled to vote shall March of the year in which he proposes ry. Mrs. J. K. Connally and daughter, have paid, on or before the first day of to vote, his poll tax as prescribed by Miss Curry Connadly, were also preslaw for the previous year. Poll taxes ent. shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against

assessed property. Section 5. No male person who was on January 1, 1867, entitled to vote under the law of any state in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, vote in any election in the state by reason of his failure to possess the educaltional qualifications prescribed in section4 of this article: Provided, he shall have registeded in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1st, 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who register under this section or or before November 1st., 1908 and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote at all elections by the people of this state, unless disqualified under section 2 of this Article; Provided. Such persons shall have paid their poll taxes as required by law. And where as section 5 of the pro-

plosed amendment undertakes to confer the right of suffrage on one class of citizens of that state and to exclude another class of citizens from the enlovment of said privilege.

Resolved, That section 5 of the proposed amendment is in contravention of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution of the United said provision as part of its organic law does not possess a republican form of gvernment as contemplated by the constitution of the United States.

#### MASON'S SPEECH,

Gazette Office. Washington, Dec. 12. There were hundreds of disappointed people white capitol Monday. They had filled the senate galleries to hear the speech of Senator Mason, of Illinois, in support of his resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers. Nat-

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urally enough every one expected an THE HOUSE DEBATE entertaining demonstration against the administration, but instead the senator only sustained the reputation of the chief town of his state, in its windy propensities, and nothing more. Senator Mason devoted most of his time to reading from old state records in endeavoring to substantiate the claim that his resolution was in line with established precedents, and also made the fatal mistake, in so far as the galleries were concerned, of reading his address. Before he concluded there

half filled. TAXATION OF EXPRESS COM-PANIES,

Colonel James E. Boyd, of North Carolina, assistant attorney general, has given a hearing to John A. Garver and others, representing a committee of the American Bankers' association, and John J. McCook, of the Adams Express company, on the question of the taxability of express companies as brokers under the war revenue act. The question has been before the commissioner of internal revenue for some months, the bankers claiming that the express companies not only do a large business in domestic exchange, but also in foreign exchange, and under the wording of the war revenue act are clearly liable to a tax of \$50 a year as privileges and elections to proceed with brokers.

Mr. Garver somtended that the exeast, did a large foreign exchange business, and that owing to the fact that they had hitherto been exempt from the tax, they were enabled to cut rates to an extent that practically drove the banks, and especially those of the interior of the country, out of the exchange business. Since the new law went into operation the express companies had practically discontinued the old forms of bills of exchange, section five of the proposed amendment and have substituted therefor checks to the constitution of the state of North on foreign banks. He insisted, how-Carolina is in direct contravention of ever, that checks, orders, drafts and all the fourteenth and fifteenth amend- instruments of that character were, in ments to the constitution of the United effect, "bills of exchange," and, there-

of privileges to which they are entitled | Mr. McCook and Mr. Steel asked perunder a republican form of govern- mission to file briefs which was grantment. This resolution brings the pro- ed. Mr. McCook maintained briefly posed amendment squarely before the however, that if express companies were liable to the tax, telegraph comthoroughly to the attention of that panies must also be included. Thus naval committees of congress. The sbout 104,000 offices of these companies Senator Pritchard. For the present representing largely the business activity and industry of the whole counmain on the table but the senator will try, would be practically closed to the public. The business men of the countion some time during the next few try, he said, would not consent to any such heavy restrictions on their meth-Whereas the legislature of the state ods of doing business. Large areas of of North Carolina, at its session of 1899, the country, where banks were few, submitted to the people of that state depend almost entrely upon the exfor ratification or rejection a proposed press and telegraph companies for the

Colonel Boyd stated he would receive Section 4. Every person presenting briefs any time between now and the

Senator Pritchard, Senator Morgan and Congressman Fleming dined Sunday at the home of Dr. J. L. M. Cur-

#### JUDGE EWART'S CASE.

Gazette Bureau, Washington, Dec. 11.

Judge Ewart, who left yesterday for Charlotte court, seems to think that shall be denied the right to register and there is little doubt of the fact that the president will remame him for the judgeship. The Star says of the case: "Senator Pritchard was alt the white house with several other North Carolinians, among them Judge Ewart. Judge Ewart was originally selected for the bench because President McKnley had known and liked him when they were in the house togethr. Senator Pritchard Eastatoe ford. flavored another candidate, but when he saw the president's desire he withdrew his own candidate and has since supported Judge Ewart, who has been twice mominated. 'The question now whether the president will again send Judge Ewart's name to the senate. Although it can be claimed that the senate has not directly voted on the case the president has no desire to put himself in antagonism to that body.

The effort now bein-made is to show the president that if the rame is again sent in Judge Ewart will be confirmed. many senations having offered to support him who have hitherto held aloof.

"Another matter soon to be presented to the President is a peltition signed by States and that any state that adopts the attorneys of Judge Ewart's district Every attorney, except eight, in the forty-seven counties of the district have signed a petition asking that Judge Ewart be continued on the beach. This nettilition is to be presented to Senator Marion Buttler who has led the fight in

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ON FINANCIAL BILL

#### New York Democratic Member Favors Gold Standard.

Washington, Dec. 12.-The debate in the house was opened today by Grosvenor, who spoke for an hour in support of the financial bill and general defended the republicans from the critiwas only a score or more of senators in cism of Dearmond in yesterday's detheir seats and the galleries were only bate. Other advocates of the bill were Messrs, Parker, Smith, Prince, Driggs, Powers and Lawrence. The speech of Driggs of New York, attracted unusual attention, being that of a democrat who opposed his party associates on this question. His declaration in favor of the gold standard was bold and unequivocal. The bill was opposed by Messrs. Newland, Shafroth, Cochran and Sims. Cochran evoked derisive laughter by reiterating Bryan's "cross of gold and crown of thorns" sentiment as the grandest utterance of the campaign of 1896.

IN THE SENATE.

In the senate resolutions were reported from the committee on contingent expenses authorizing the committee on the investigation of the election to the senate of W. A. Clark, of Montana, press companies, or some of them at and N. B. Scott, of West Virginia. The resolutions were adopted.

LONGER SESSIONS.

Washington, Dec. 12.-The demand upon the managers of the financial deoate in the house for time in which to express views upon that subject has become so great that today arrangements were made to open the sessions of Wednesday. Thursday and Friday at 11 o'clock and to hold sessions on the nights of these days.

#### A SHIPBUILDING BUREAU.

Washington, Dec. 12.-Secretary Long has decided to call more forcibly the attention of congress to the recommendations in his annual report for the reorganization of the present divided administration of ship constructon, and to that end has prepared a bill embodying the plan which he forwarded to the measure will provide that bureaus of construction and repair, equipment and steam engineering be abolished and their functions be embraced in one bureau to be called the bureau of ships. The position of the navy department is that the construction of a ship in its entirely should be intrusted to one builder. This is the English system and the method of private shipyards.

#### TRANSYLVANIA VOTES RAILROAD BONDS

The Proposition Carried by a Majority of About 370.

Special to the Gazette. Brevard, N. C., Dec. 12 .- The election held today in Transylvania county resulted in a victory for those who favor county aid to the railroad company. The question on which the county voted was whether or not the board of county commissioners should be empowered to subscribe for on behalf of the county the sum of \$25,000 in bonds of the county to the capital stock of the Transylvania Railroad company, to induce the company to extend and complete the railroad from the town of Brevard to a point on the French Broad river in Cathey's Creek township near

The proposition to bond the county was carried by about 400 majority. The proposed extension of the road takes it ten miles beyond its present terminus, to the foothills of Toxaway

A telephone message to the Gazette from Brevard last night later than the above sated that the majority for the bonds is 370. The vote was taken against the registration-that is a majority of the registered vote of the county in favor of the bond subscription was necessary to carry it. The registered vote of the county outside of Brevard was 1284. At 10 o'clock last night it appeared that 805 had voted For Subscription.". The registration in Brevard was 290 and of these 207 voted for the bonds. The vote came from all parts of the

#### THE INCREASE IN WAGES.

#### It Will Effect 300,000 of New England Mill Operatives.

Boston, Dec. 12.-Under the advance in wages granted by the Fall River cotton mills and allowed by other New England cotton mill operators and woolen goods manufacturers 300,000 2 mill employes are now to be granted increased pay. The advance amounts in most instances to 10 per cent. The new scale went into effect in some districts Monday. In many districts the advance will become a fact a week from Monday, while other operators have set January 1 as the date when the higher scale will become operative. From advances already announced it is estimated that the cotton mill employes receive \$180,000 weekly in excess

of their present earnings. The increase to woolen mill operatives thus far amounts to about \$20,000 weekly. In round numbers the mill operatives under the new order will receive \$10,-000,000 per year in excess of their present earnlings. This is not counting on advances which may be granted by mills which have not yet shown a disposition to increase wages.

The Augusta Chronicle says that the Manufacturers' association, which includes the cotton mills located in Au- signification of the cotton mills located in Au-

gusta and the Langley and Aiken mills in South Carolina, has determined to make a substantial advance in wages of the operatives, the advance to take effect on January 1. Other mills in the south it is expected will follow the lead of he Manufacturers' association. The result will be an increased income to about 50,000 operatives and indirectly to 200,000 more people.

#### TIDAL WAVE SWEEPS OVER MOLUCCA ISLANDS

Over Twenty Thousand of the Inhabitants Perish.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.-Mail advices received from China today bring details of disaster caused by a tidal wave which swept over Ceram, one of the Many Were Killed and Wounded on show that 5,000 people perished in Ceram alone. At Ranoely and Samasoera the waves swept over the tops of trees. Out of 18,000 inhabitants only forty escaped.

# SPANISH PRISONERS FLOCK

#### The Insurgents Apparently Abandoning Their Captives.

Manila, Dec. 12.—Seven hundred Spaniards, who were held as prisoners by the insurgents, will embark at Vigan tomorrow for Manila. The insurgents have apparently abandoned their Spanish captives. The country swarms with small bands of Spanish who are making for points held by the Ameri-

#### OTIS WILL OPEN THE PORTS.

Washington, Dec. 12.-Otis today ca bled Secretary Root in reply to the latter's instruction to open as soon as possible the ports of the Philippines, especially those from which hemp is exported, that the hemp ports will b opened as soon as transportation for troops can be secured, and that there would probably be active trading with these ports early in January.

#### TAYLOR INAUGURATED.

#### Small Attendance at the Ceremonies Owing to a Blizzard.

Frankfort, Dec. 12.-William, S. Tayfor was inaugurated governor today Owing to rainy weather, followed 10. day by a blizzard, the attendance was not large. The inaugural ceremonies were simple. The retiring governor, W. O. Bradley, in the course of a speech said he hoped the Goebel election law, which brought so much turmoil to the state, would be wiped off the statute books.

Governor-elect Taylor in his inaugu ral address said: "The verdict ren iered by the people last November was the mandate of the people in favor of civil liberty. It was the triumph of the people over the merciless, remorseless partisan machine, erected to enslave them. He said one of the chief miliating story is being withheld, either alms of the administration would be by Gatacre or his superiors. the repeal of the election law.

The oath of office was administered to Governor Taylor at noon by 'hief' Justice Hazelegg.

The lately defeated democratic candidates for state offices began serving notices of contest today against the republican candidates who were given certificates of election last week. Seyeral have been served.

#### WOOD TO BE GOVERNOR.

Washington, Dec. 12.-Official announcement will be made shortly of the selection of General Wood as military governor of Cuba to succeed Brooke, who will return to the United States.

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Both Sides

Nine British Left in Charge of the Wounded Captured.

TO AMERICAN CAMPS NO WORD COMES FURTHER FROM METHUEN-FEARS THAT GAT-ACRE MADE A SERIOUS BLUN-

> London, Dec. 12 .- The following despatch from General Sir Redvers Buller has been received at the war office: "Frere Camp, December 12, 2:05 p. m. -The following was received today from General White: 'December 11 .-Last night Lieutenant Colonel Metcaif. of the Second rifle brigade, with 500 of his battalion, made a sortie to capture a hill and destroy a 4.7 howitzer mounted there. They reached the crest of the hill undiscovered and drove off the enemy. The gun was destroyed with guncotton by Lieutenant Jones, of the Royal engineers. The detachment returning found its retirement debarred by Boers but forced its way through using bayonets freely. The Boer loss is considerable. From our rifle brigade Lieutenant Ferguson and ten men were killed and Captain Paley and Lieutenant Davenport and forty men were wounded. Six rifle brigaders who remained in charge of the wounded were taken prisoners. Of the engineers one man was killed and one wounded."

> BULLER STILL WAITING. London, Dec. 13.—General Gatacre's explanation and the sortie at Ladysmith comprise the only important war news that has been received during the past twenty-four hours. Buller continues silent as to his own prospective movements. The fact that he has not yet advanced excites no impatience here, his judgment being unquestioned. So much can not be said of Gatacre. Critics, while admitting that errors are unavoidable nevertheless condemn him for being responsible for a grave blunder. His silence as to how he lost nearly seven hundred men is regarded as most unsatisfactory and there is evident a disposition to suspect some hu-

There is no news from Methuen. This is probably due to interruption in cable communication.

#### A SUGGESTION BY McKINLEY.

New York, Dec. 12 .- President Mc-Kinley has made it known within the last twenty-four hours to certain prominent republicans in this state that he does not favor the idea of sending federal office holders as delegates to the next republican national convention. The word has not only gone forth through New York state but is now being sent through all states.

#### OLYMPIA SAILORS ASPHYXIATED.

Boston, Dec. 12.-John Barrett and N. Peterson, two sailors of the Olympla, who fought under Dewey, were asphyxiated by escaping gas in a local hotel last might.

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