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Will Pay His Expenses.

A special from San Francisco says: "Chas. D. Lane, part owner of the Utica gold mine, announces that he will give William J. Bryan financial support in his advocacy of bimetalism. The Californian will see to it that Mr. Bryan's traveling expenses are paid, and the living expenses of himself and family are paid during the next four years. Mr. Lane is a very wealthy mine owner, and is ample able to take care of Mr. Bryan and his family. He has abiding faith in the democratic candidate for president, and realizing that Mr. Bryan's income is limited, thinks it is not fair for him to bear the expenses of a campaign in the interest of silver."

Charged With Husband's Death.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 11.—Chas. Klebahn proprietor of the Mint saloon, was found dead in his room this afternoon. Death had been caused by asphyxiation. The gas jet was open and the room could not be entered at once. The dead man was found lying on a cot fully dressed. Klebahn and his wife have long lived unhappily together, and a few months ago they executed a deed of separation. Since then however, they have again lived together, and only yesterday the man was fined in the police court for beating his wife. She had been arrested on suspicion of suffocating her husband while he was drunk.

A Terrible Affair.

GREENVILLE, N. C., Nov. 11.—Yesterday, in the northern portion of this county, Mr. Wyatt Meeks lost by fire a barn containing seventy-five barrels of corn and five bales of cotton. Just after the fire the terrible discovery was made that two of Mr. Meek's children, aged 3 and 5 years, respectively, had perished in the flames. It is supposed the children went in the barn to play, and, setting fire to some shucks near the door, ran up on the corn, piled in the back of the barn. Their charred bodies were found on the pile of corn after the building had burned down.

Will Not Contest.

A special from Winston to the Raleigh News and Observer says that Hon. Tommie Settle said Wednesday that he would not contest the election of Hon. W. W. Kitchin. This is much better. There has been entirely too much "contesting" the past few years and Mr. Settle will make more friends by letting the people say who shall represent them than he would by going before a partisan congress and cheating Mr. Kitchin out of his seat. No doubt he takes it very hard, for this is the first time he was ever defeated for office. But then he could not stay in congress all his life and the sooner he gets acquainted with the fact that there "are others" the better it will be for him.

Cuba and National Honor.

Much has been heard of late concerning the national honor. Solicitude for that is the noblest of patriotic sentiments, but surely the solicitude should extend beyond the question of our monetary standard. For more than two years a war has been going on at our doors the outcome of which ought to enlist the interest of every American who is capable of sympathizing with the desire of a people to throw off monarchical rule and achieve freedom. The Cubans are making as gallant, as desperate a fight against tremendous military odds as our own Revolutionary forefathers did. Suppose France had been as coldly indifferent to our cause as our government is to the cause of the patriots of Cuba, how long might not the inde-

pendence of America have been postponed? Yet the France which gave us money to pay our armies, and sent an army and navy of her own to help us, was a monarchy, the absolute monarchy of Louis XVI. To be sure, Louis had his ends against England to serve, just as we have some business interests that cry out against the continuance of the Cuban war, but high and generous sentiment was the mastering motive which brought France to our aid. Her philosophers had imbued all classes of her people, including the nobility with an ardent love of liberty, of which we got the first practical benefit.

The United States is a republic, and it once was her policy as well as her pride to give words of encouragement to any people that rose against oppression and made our declaration of independence its own. That is still the disposition of the masses of this republic, but our government has elected to ignore the popular voice as to Cuba and to listen to the voice of those who, constrained by timidity or sordid personal interest, urge non-intervention. The national honor is nothing to these selfish citizens. Enthusiasm for anything save their own pockets seems mere sentimental folly to them.

Are we a republic of shopkeepers only? Is it solely questions of money that can rouse our souls? Does the spectacle of a neighboring people battling bravely for the same liberty that we enjoy, and looking vainly to use for far less than we in our hour of dire need received from monarchical France, have nothing to say to the national honor of the United States?—New York Journal.

The Republican Press Astonished.

The republican press is astonished that the democratic party should be still alive and kicking—kicking strenuously, says the New York Journal. What the republican press says it wants is peace, a rest from politics, and in order to secure the blessing it goes right ahead talking in its campaign voice, selling decent, law-abiding, honest and patriotic American citizens repudiators, Anarchists, advocates of free riot and foes of the national honor. Buck Fanshaw, who was bound to have peace in the camp if he had to whip everybody in sight to get it, died too soon. He should have survived to plead the republican cause in 1896.

Same to You.

The Oxford Ledger of this week has the following to say editorially about the ovation Durham gave Chairman Manly last Friday:

"When Chairman Manly, who did such noble work for the cause of democracy in North Carolina, passed through Durham last Friday on his way home to Winston he was tendered an ovation at the depot by the democrats of that prosperous and heroic city, headed by the gallant, warm hearted Col. Julian S. Carr. Mr. Manly made a short, patriotic speech. All honor to noble Durham county, its newspapers, democrats and populists, for grand victory in behalf of the gifted Hon. W. W. Kitchin, the peer of any man of his age in the State!"

EDITOR BRITT, of the Oxford Ledger, is not to be outdone because Hanna and the plutocrats of England have captured this government. He now has a cut of his editorial page and just above it are these words: "For President 1900." He is a free silver man from his heart and the citizens of Oxford and Granville county should give the Ledger their hearty support.

Pushing the War in Cuba.

The renewed reports that the United States was about to intervene in the Cuban conflict are not confirmed in official quarters, nor is there any evidence to indicate that at the present time the United States has under consideration any change in its policy. The only available information reaching here is that the Spanish military operations begun early in October, are about to get forward with greater energy than at any previous time. Important results are expected from this movement within the next three weeks. There are now 25,000 more Spanish troops en route for Cuba. They will be distributed in the western provinces. It is expected that with these additional troops in position the four western provinces will be completely garrisoned and occupied at every point by the government troops.

The lull in operations within the last few days is explained by a circumstance not yet known. The insurgent leader Maceo moved to the coast for the purpose of receiving a pneumatic dynamite gun, which had been landed with great difficulty. The reports reaching here state that the trials of the gun failed to show it to be formidable, the shot carrying only 500 yards, or less than the distance carried by rifles. Under these circumstances Maceo has retraced his steps without the dynamite gun. Meanwhile the Spanish forces have been divided into two main divisions, one in the south and the other in the north of the island. The main purpose of the troops has been to occupy the mountain passes, and this has proceeded so rapidly that it is asserted here positively that every approach and egress to the mountain recess is now commanded by a heavy force of Spanish troops. This plan of campaign is relied on to force the insurgents to fight in the open country.—Washington Post.

A High Priced Kiss.

Miss Lizzie Hendrix has just won in the Circuit Court at Jacksonville at curious suit for damages which she brought against the Southern Railway, says the News and Observer. It seems that while Miss Hendrix was riding on that road between Anniston and Rome, Ga., an impulsive conductor collected from her, besides the ticket she proffered him, a kiss, which she did not proffer at all. The company declared that the young woman had been guilty of contributory negligence, in that she insisted on being quite unnecessarily pretty, and further pleaded that the corporation had not profited in the slightest degree by its employes crime, as he had not turned in the kiss with his other collection, but the jury would listen to none of these arguments, and awarded Miss Hendrix consolation to the amount of \$245.

The directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, the last one in which the state now controls her interest, met at Morehead on the 13th to consummate the turning over the road to the Goldsboro & Morehead City railroad company. Fortunately for the people of the state, their action was stopped by an injunction of Judge Robinson, sworn out by Bob Hancock, of Newbern. The state has been pilfered of enough of her public improvements, and we are glad that a halt has been called, even though it had to be done by as rabid a republican as Bob Hancock. The idea that by surrender of the states interest, it will take the roads out of politics wont hold water. It simply gives the roads power to control politics.

"DRINK AND PRAY."

A good story is told by an exchange of a Highlander who built a tavern near Abbotsford and called it "The Flodden Inn." He applied to Sir Walter Scott for a motto for the signboard. The novelist suggested "Drink, weary traveler; drink and pray." The man objected to his house becoming a kirk, arguing:

"The more praying there is, the less drinking there will be, and I don't want that."

Sir Walter suggested the omission of the letter "r" in pray, so that the motto might read, "Drink, weary traveler; drink and pay." With this the "mine host" was delighted, and hundreds of his customers found out to their bitter sorrow that whilst drinking and paying go hand in hand drinking and praying have not even bowing acquaintance. The same is true everywhere.

Will Demand a Recount.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 12.—It was announced today that the friends of John Lind, fusion candidate for governor, will demand a recount.

Clough's majority is now about 3,000. The basis of the demand is alleged frauds in the Northwestern part of the state, and the fact that a large number of ballots were erroneously marked for both the Bryan and Palmer electors, and were thrown out, when they should have been counted as to the rest of the ticket. These ballots, it is said, were almost if not entirely all for Lind. In this (Henn) county, alone, some two hundred of these ballots were discarded. The democratic state committee is investigating the matter.

Senator Teller Talks.

In an interview a few days ago Senator Teller, of Colorado, said:

"I would be very impolitic for us to show our hands now and make our intention plain to the opposition," said Senator Teller, when asked if it would be possible to pass a tariff bill through the coming Senate without a silver rider.

"I have received several telegrams from the eastern press requesting an answer to that same question." The senator continued: "But I have refrained from making a definite reply. Speaking for myself, I can say frankly, that I have not as yet made up my mind regarding the comparative strength of the parties in the senate."

"No, the republicans will not urge or push a tariff bill when congress opens. It would be useless, for in case such a bill should be passed, President Cleveland would veto it. If the republicans are sincere, however, as they assert they are, a special session will be called and the Dingle tariff bill, or another, will be passed, in case such a thing is possible. I do not care to talk of the plans of the silver forces until I am fully advised."

The Charlotte Observer wants to know who got the \$25,000 of Hanna's good money which was sent to North Carolina on the election and which was guaranteed to fix the state for McKinley. That is easy enough to answer. Look around and see who did the most work for the gold bug.

The Charlotte Observer says: Uncle Strowd, the populist congressman from the fourth district, said to a Raleigh News and Observer reporter Wednesday that he is in favor of the re-election of Senator Pritchard. Uncle Strowd is a friend of the people and a shouter for 16 to 1; Jeter is a tool of plutocracy and whoops it up for the gold standard. Yet free silver is the paramount issue and your uncle is its prophet. Is he no better than the balance of them? Heretofore we had thought he was.

Where is Hal Ayer?

Senator Butler's paper of this week says:

"Speaking now for the people's party of North Carolina, and we believe for the nation, we take the liberty of serving notice on Mr. Bryan that if he desires to head the reform forces of the people's party in the next fight, he must do so under some other name than that of democrat. The name has become a reproach and a stench among the people, and it will not be supported any more now nor hereafter."

And again: "In the campaign just closed the people's party joined their forces with the democrats, and the democrats again played the people false—grossly and brutally false. We are done with them now and forever, and also with any man who seeks to lead the people hereafter under anything that may bear the name, or have the smirch of the word democrat on."

There is no use for the pot to call the kettle black. Hal Ayer, the leader of the populist party, not only "played" the democrats false but also turned traitor on the populist nominee for governor and tried to elect four gold bug congressmen from this state. Think it is about time for him to hush.

Guthrie For the Senate.

Almost every free silver man in North Carolina, unless it is a few who want the office themselves, hope that the next senator from this state will be Major William A. Guthrie, of this city.

The Washington Post, of the 10th instant, has the following that will be of interest to our readers:

"The belief is that the democrats and populists in the North Carolina Legislature will unite on Guthrie as Senator Pritchard's successor," said Col. Henry G. Williams, of that state, at the Metropolitan.

"Guthrie was the populist candidate for governor, but because he advised his people not to vote for republican candidates who opposed free silver, he incurred the bitter dislike of the middle-of-the-road populist leaders, who were anxious to carry out the fusion bargain that they had made with the republicans. It was Guthrie's influence that caused Kitchin, silver democrat, to defeat Settle for congress in the fifth district. For this reason he is popular with the democrats, and as they have no hope of electing one of their own faith, they will prefer almost anybody to Senator Pritchard, whose backsliding on silver has rendered him very objectionable.

Out of 170 members of both houses the republicans have but 66, the remainder being nearly evenly distributed between the other two parties. The republicans will be able to command a certain per cent. of the populist vote, because of the feeling that a contract was made when fusion against the democrats was first successful, which would give Senator Pritchard another term. A majority of the populist members, however, will not feel bound by that understanding if it existed, and will refuse to support any candidate who is against free silver.

The republicans didn't do much in the congressional elections after all. A statement in the Washington Post shows that they lost 37 members in the next House, 15 of whom the populists got, while the democrats made a net gain of 23. But two gold democrats were elected, and the net gain of the silver forces, combining Democrats and populists, is 36. But one negro is elected to the next congress and he is from the second district of North Carolina. The footings shows 207 republicans elected, 130 democrats and 22 populists.

A Blow to the Suffragists

The advocates of woman suffrage have met with a great disappointment in California. A constitutional amendment conferring the ballot on the sex was submitted to the people by the legislature. It received, says the New York Journal, the formal platform indorsement of the Republicans, populists and prohibitionists in their state conventions. The democratic party alone declared against it. The proposal was supported by many of the most influential newspapers, and a vigorous campaign was made by Miss Susan B. Anthony, the Rev. Anna Shaw and other conspicuous suffragists. Nevertheless the amendment was beaten at the polls. The exact figures have not yet been ascertained, but it is known that the majority against the extension of the franchise to women is overwhelming. There is no part of the country where women are more agreeably circumstanced than in California. The pioneer tradition survives, and the woman who has no ambition to shine outside of what the old-fashioned call her sphere is treated with a chivalry that delights the truly feminine soul. But it is evident that the average Californian, in spite of his gallantry, prudently prefers assuming the responsibility of governing woman to letting her govern herself.

Seaboard Air-Line.

Baltimore, Nov. 12.—According to reports current today in local financial circles the hitch in the negotiation for the transfer of the stock of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company, which carries with it the control of the Seaboard Air Line system, and the Baltimore Steam Packet Company, to the Ryan Thomas syndicates of New York, is due to the refusal on the part of the Seaboard's management to allow an expert examination of the books and accounts of the property.

When Mr. Ryan and his associates obtained an option on the stock pooled with Messrs. Louis McLane, Moncure Robinson and Judge Leigh R. Watts, it was agreed that if the annual report of President Hoffman was verified by an expert examination, the books were to be closed on a basis of \$125 a share for the poolholders, which amounts to about 8,300 shares, and \$100 a share for the 2,700 shares on which General John Gill obtained an option. It is said that the syndicate has all along been ready to carry out its part of the contract, and that it has the money on hand to pay over, but that the railroad people have persistently refused, and still refuse to produce the books. This is understood to be the status of the matter at present, and unless the books are produced before Monday, it is likely that the deal will fall through.

President R. Curson Hoffman, who returned from Portsmouth, Va., said in answer to a query, that so far as he knew, there had been no change in the negotiations. As for the alleged refusal to allow an examination of the books he said that he was in absolute ignorance of any such refusal.

There is something suggestive in the feast held by the Winnebago Indians in honor of McKinley's election. They eat up every dog the tribe had.

We see lately a good deal about advance in prices. A careful investigation reveals the fact that the rise has confined itself to stocks of trust companies. Labors products are no higher yet.

Now that Palmer and Buckner have proven themselves such excellent decoys, it would be perfectly in order for Mr. Cleveland to take them with him on his next duck hunt. But possibly they would be of more service when he is loaded for geese

Englishman's View.

In a recent issue of The London Truth, its editor, Mr. Henry Dabouchere, has some pretty homely and pertinent comment on the result of the recent national election in this country. For a foreigner of his class he shows remarkable knowledge of the condition of things over here, and uses plain language in his expressions. After a short criticism of Bryan's financial views he says:

"But the victors will do well to realize that apart from bimetalism there is a strong growing feeling in America against huge accumulations of capital in the hands of individuals, obtained by means of trusts, which are really monopolies, and gambling with clogged dice in railroads. The greedy plutocracy, unsupported by an armed force, cannot long hold its own against the rights and well being of all."

This is the calm and dispassionate view of an educated and observant and outside man, whose interest in the question is only that of a looker on, unbiased by prejudice or passion—of a student of the worlds history and of human nature. Though he does not assume the role of a prophet, we much fear he has foretold the fate which is to overtake this country. Continuing Truth winds up the article with this statement of a fact, recognized as such the world over, as a disgrace to our country's fair name:

"Americas worst product is its dollarocracy, whose members have nothing to recommend them. As a rule they are ignorant and vulgar, building big houses in order to dazzle by ostentatious entertainments. If the United States is not to become a mere plutocratic and oligarchy power, these worthies, which have increased and are increasing, must greatly diminish."

There is not a United States senator, a congressman, a member of the state legislature, an intelligent farmer or day laborer who does not recognize the truth of the above, yet with the remedy in their hands, and a chance given to administer it, for what reason Heaven only knows, they rush perdition bent like sheep following the bell weather into the quick sands from which there is no rescue.

Bryan to Lecture.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 11.—Saturday afternoon Hon. W. J. Bryan will deliver two lectures at the Funke Opera House in this city. These are supposed to be his opening guns in the four years' campaign for "bimetalism," which Mr. Bryan has promised to inaugurate. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the first address will be delivered to the Mary Bryan Club. At 8 p. m., the second will be given. This will be under the auspices of the Traveling Men's Club and the Bryan Home Guards.

The Jesters' Chorus.

"I'm getting a little weary of this talk about a chainless bicycle," said the park policeman.

"Don't you think there's anything in it?" asked the man in the golf suit.

"There may be," answered the park policeman, "but it certainly is not the crying need of the hour."

"What would you consider more important?" demanded the man in the golf suit.

"A voiceless bicyclist," responded the park policeman; and friends of the man in the golf suit noticed that it was nearly fifteen minutes before he yelled at some one to get out of his way, and that it was fully two hours before he again attempted to descend on the beauties of bicycles of any particular make.

"By the way, what is Maud's husband worth?"

"I hear that her father gave \$3,000,000 for him."