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HER ROMANTIC STORY

A NEGRO WOMAN CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD TWO WHITE HUSBANDS.

MEN OF LEARNING AND WEALTH

She Was a Slave in Mississippi and Kentucky but was Bought and Given Her Freedom .- Her Story of Her Early Life and Love -- Now Fighting for Dower in Her Second Husband's Estate-Amount Involved is \$10,000-Defense Says She was only a Servant

CHICAGO, Nov. 13 .- A romantic story of a slave has been bruoght out by the filing of a suit called in Judge Brentano's rence, a negress, the plaintiff, is fighting for dower rights in the estate of Dr. Henry Laurence, as his widow. Her suit is opposed by Dr. William Laurence, of Oakwoods Boulevard and twenty other relatives of Dr. Henry Laurence, who died in 1891. They set up the contention that the complainant was not the lawful wife of their dead relative. The amount involved in the litigation reaches the sum of \$100,000, the property left by Dr. Laurence who died intestate and childless. The widow's dower is two-thirds of the whole estate.

Maria Evans Laurence, the complainant in the suit, still preserves the comeliness which gained her freedom, and as she claims, two white husbands, both of whom were men of learning and possessed of means. Her kinked hair, long for one of her race, is whitened, her face is seamed with the furrows of time, but her carriage is erect, her step is light and her eye lus-

The first chapter of the romance of her life began when she was 17 years old, in the slave market of Yazoo, Miss. A young clerk, John H. Evans, who came of an old and prominent Virginia family saw her there and fell in love with her. He made a vow that he would secure her freedom and then marry her. He had no money with which to buy her freedom, but set about to earn and save it. It took him seven years to do it, but he was true to his dark skinned sweetheart, who in the meantime had been sold and taken to Kentucky. Evans followed her there, and in 1848, paid \$1,000 to her master, brought her to Cincinnati, where he gave her liberty, and it is alleged, made her his wife. They returned to Yazoo, where he continued

Shortly after moving to the place she made the acquaintance of Henry Laurence, a young Englishman, who became a frequent visitor at the Evans' home. He was an abolitionist and later left Yazoo and came to live in Chicago. Just before the war broke out Evans and his wife went to live in New Orleans. In 1861 they received a letter from Laurence, was not prospering in Chicago, and he was advised by them to move to New Orleans, which he did. The Evans couple conducted a boarding house in Canal street in that city. In 1865 Evans died, Dr. Laurence was living with them and he fell in love with the widow. Two years after the death of Evans there came another epoch in the life of the Mississippi slave. From then she called herself the wife of Dr. Henry Laurence. Whether she was, is the question which will be determined by the court in the trial which is to be begun to-day. She claims that it was only a common law marriage, which both consented to live together as man and wife until death parted them and this contract, she says, was faithfully carried out by them both. For 22 years, she says she was a wife to Henry Laurence and closed his eyes when death finally separated them.

The couple came to Chicago in 1877, and lived in a house which Dr.

Laurence bought.

The defense to the suit is that the former slave was not the wife of Dr. Laurence, but his servant, and that no mariage contract existed between

DRUMMER'S DAY IN ATLANTA.

Commercial Travelers Have Their Inning at the Exposition.

ATLANA, Ga., Nov. 13.-Drummer's Day at the Exposition brought 5.000 commercial travelers to the city. The exercises consisted of a street parade of the drummers, and gorgerously decorated floats representing the business interests of the city. At the Exposition there was a commercial men's congress at which many matters of interest to the commercial South were discussed. Afterward there was a barbecue for the drummers and their friends, at which 5,000 people were fed.

The International League of Press Clubs, one hundred strong are in Atlanta and to-morrow hold a congress. To-day they had a preliminary meeting to discuss their program for the The majority of the members came in special sleepers from the East and their numbers are being added to by the arrivals of every train.

No Gold Shipments Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 .- The rumon that there were to be large shipments of gold to-day was unfounded. Not a pound of gold left by the outgoing steamships to Europe. No order was made on the sub-treasury for any gold for shipment, and the officials had heard no rumor of a demand for the end of the week. Orders, however, came at the last moment, the cashier said, and there was no forecasting what might be wanted for Saturday's

THE ELECTION IN UTAH.

Senator Hill is for William R. Morrison for President.

Special to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 13. "Had the women of Utah been allowed to vote this year," remarked Gov. Caleb W. West, chief executive of that Territory, at the Riggs, to a Post reporter, "there is every reason to believe that the Democrats would have been successful in the late elections. The bulk of the Mormon vote favors the Democracy, and the Mormon ladies in a great majority of cases would have been found supporting our ticket. The new constitution provides for woman suffrage on an exactly even footing with men, but the Republicans took care to insert a clause that prohibited them from voting until 1896. While on the subject, I don't mind admitting that I am a convert to the cause of female suffrage, and am sure that so far as the West is concerned it is a good thing. We had it once in Utah; it was taken away from us, and ever since the people have agitated for its restoration. Had it not been granted by our organic law the agitation would have gone on indefinitely; so it was best to settle the matter for all time .'

"To what do you attribute the defeat of the party in Utah?"

"Well, besides the general causes operating over the rest of the country, there were some special reasons for our misfortune. The campaign was not conducted with marked wisdom on our side in any respect. One big blunder was the nomination of United States Senators in the State convention against the protest of Weber county, of which Ogden is the county seat Again, the pronunciamento put out against the Mormon church was not a politic or necessary move, seeing that the church as a religious organization has nothing to do with political parties, and was in no wise blame for the attitude of any individ-ual member. This undoubtedly cost the Democratic party a lot of votes."

While Senator Hill will not talk on that point, it has general concession that his candidate for the next Democratic nomination for the Presidency is Col. Willam R. Morrison. The Senator believes that the convention should find its candidate this time in the West, and that Morrison, of all men, is the one most likely to find popular approval, as well as please the party at large. Hill is for Morrison. It is stated not by Mr. Hill, nor yet any one for him, that personally and

politically he has no more friendship for the President than he had two years ago, but the New York Senator believes that the President is willing to allow the past to go, and is some what in the same mood himself. The President and Mr. Hill may not love each other, but it is not apprehended that they will fight any more. The party ought to derive considerable benefit from this peace, says the Washington Post.

SHERMAN IS FOR MCKINLEY.

Says He Will be Heartily Supported in Ohio.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 13 -The following letter has been received by Col. H. G Oti, editor of the Los Angeles Times, from John Sherman, in response to a congratulatory note in reference to the latter's determination to lend his assistance in leading the Republican forces in favor of McKinley: SENATE CHAMBER, WASHINGTON, D. O.,

Nov. 7, 1895

"Col. H. G Otis: Your note of 29th ult., is received. for which please accept my hearty thanks. The recent elections have cleared the political sky and I believe fairly opens a way for the nomina-tion of Maj McKinley. He will be heartily supported from Ohio, and I trust nominated and elected. "Very truly yours,

GOVERNOR BROWN IN A BRAWL.

JOHN SHERMAN "

He Tries to Draw His Gun on a Clerk in the Auditor's Office.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 13.—Governor Brown and W. H. Newhall, a clerk in the Auditor's office, quarreled in the State House yesterday, passed the lie and would, have come to blows had by standers not interfered. Newhall had accused the Governor of voting the Republican ticket and acting the part of a traitor. The executive responded with an emphatic denial, and one of the men struck at the other when friends of the two separated them. It was claimed that Gov. Brown attempted to draw his revolver, but he denies that he was

CORBETT WILL BACK MAHER. Says He Will put \$10,000 on him Against Fitzsimmons.

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 13-William A. Brady has telegraphed to Dan A. Stuart for J. J. Corbett saying: "Corbett surrenders championship and belt to Maher, and will back Maher

for \$10,000 against Fitzsimmons." The telegram was forwarded to Stuart

at Elpaso, who last evening sent the following reply to his Dallas representative: "Tell Brady that Corbett had better win that belt before he disposes of it."

English Sculler Challenged.

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 13 - J. G. Gaudaur, enampion sculler of America, has deposited \$500 with the Globe in support of a challenge for £500 a side to Harding, the English champion. Gaudaur will take £50 expenses and row in England, or will allow £100 expenses if Harding comes to America.

HOLMES TAKES AN APPEAL.

The Petition Will Be Argued By His Counsel Next Monday.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 13.-H. H. Holmes, the alleged multi-murderer, who was recently convicted of the murder of B. F. Pietzel, today through his coursel, filed reasons for a new trial.

Thr grounds laid, which will be argued next Monday, are mainly that the verdict was against the law and the evidence and new matter discovered since the trial. For the reason that the District Attorney in his opening speech, made statements which related to other crimes which could not be part of the evidence, and they were of such a terrible nature that their effect on the jury was so adverse to the defendant that it was impossible for them to decide purely upon the evidence in this case.

For the reason that the District At torney, in his closing speech, mentioned the death of the children and the finding of their dead bodies in the morgue.

The court erred in allowing Mrs. Pietzel to testify or state what her husband had told her; in not allowing Mrs. Pietzel to testify of her own knowledge to the doings and troubles of her husband in Terre Haute, Ind.; in allowing the testimony of Mrs. Pietzel relating to the bottle of nitro glycerine; in ruling that the defendant's wife was a competent witness; allowing evi dence of the whereabouts of the children and finding their bodies in Toronto; in permitting jurors to enter the box upon their statement that they had formed or expressed an opinion regarding the guilt or innocence of the defendant, in charging the jury by giving undue prominence to the evidence favorable to the Common-wealth, and not sufficient prominence to the evidence favorable to the prisoner.

CRISP FOR FREE SILVER.

He Addresses the General Assembly of Georgia on Finances.

ATLANTA, Nov. 13.-The House of Representatives to-day unanimously adopted a resolution inviting Secretary of the Interior Smith to address the General Assembly on the issues of the day at such a date as he may find convenient. Ex-Speaker Crisp spoke in the hall of the House to-night in response to a similar invitation extended last week.

Mr. Crisp confined himself almost ex clusively to the financial question and in the course of his remarks declared himself unequivocally in favor of free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver, at a ratio of 16 to 1. His argument was confined to a contradiction of the statements made by the advocates of a gold standard to the effect that free coinage would result in silver monometallism, and that values would be decreased.

He advised an exposition from the Democrats of Georgia on the question, and said they should insist that their representatives in the next Congress should insist upon the making of a platform by those who elected the President, and not by these who lived in States that | that city. did not furnish the electoral vote. He said that there were many good Demo crats who favored a single gold standard, but that their views were as much at variance with party principles as were those of high tariff Democrats.

In view of the fact that the speech tonight is considered the opening one of the campaign for the United States Senatorship which will be made vacant upon the expiration of Senator Gordon's term, and that Mr. Crisp is regarded as a probable candidate, his utterances are taken as significant of the platform upon which he will offer himself as a Senato-

THE "INDIANA" COMPLETED. It Will Be the First Battleship to Go Into Actual Service.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 13.-The battleship Indiana has been completed, so far as the builders are concerned. She lies at the dock at Cramps all ready to be transferred to the Navy Depart-

The indiana is expected to go into commission at League Island Navy Yard next week Commander Robley Evans, familiarly known as "Fighting Bob," who has been ordered to the command of the vessel, has been in the city for some weeks past hurrying along the final stages of the work.

The Irdiana will be first of the battleships to go into actual service. The late accident to the Texas, in the reported straining of her frances, again delays her from g ing into commission.

The Indiana will, therefore, take first rank in the priority of her commission and Commander Evans views this with p.ide after his untiring efforts to get the

Gen. Gomez has not Been Defeated.

HAVANA, Nov. 13-The statement cabled to the Correspondencia of Madrid, from this city, that Maximo Gomez had been routed is not true. Gomez has not yet been attacked by the Spanish forces. Gen. de Campos is now at his headquarters, the city of Santa Clara, laying out a plan of compaign which should result in a big engagement between the Spanish troops and the insurgents under Gomez. It is thought probable that this will be the decisive battle of the war in Cuba.

Wants to Succeed Senator Gibson.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 12 - Congressman George L. Wellington, chairman of the Republican State Committee, to-day announced his candidacy for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Charles

DOOMED MINISTRY

ANOTHER CHANGE LINELY TO OCCUR IN THE TURKISH CABINET.

AND THE SULTAN MAY BE DEPOSED

These Complications Will Give the Government a Further Excuse for Inaction in Regard to Armenia-Fresh Distmbances Reported and Many Christian Teachers and Missionaries Killed-Warships of Powers | to the Turkish situation. to Rendezvous in Tunikish Waters.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 13.-The Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tewfik Pasha, replied to-day to the notes of the diplomatic representatives of Great Boitain. Russia and France, assuring them, as he had previously assured ambassadors of Ger many, Austria and Italy, that the Turkish government's statement as to what measures it intends to take for the suppression of the disorders in Asia Minor will be presented to the ambassadors "without delay."

Another complication seems likely to arise, which may give the Sultan further excuse for inaction. The Halil Rifat Ministry is said to be tottering and another cabinet change is likely to occur at any time. The rumors con cerning the possible deposition of Ab dul Hamid are still current; but the statement that the Imperial yacht is lying off the palace, with steam up, intimating that the Sultan is preparing to seek safety in flight, is a weak fabrication. The Imperial yacht is sadly out of repair and is laid up for the winter.

Meanwhile, fresh disturbances are

reported from Malatiah, where a number of persons have ben killed, including four priests of the Society of Jesus, who were under French protection. The French Ambassador, M. Cambon, has been appealed to, and is preparing a very strong presentation on the subject for the Porte.

A squadron of five French warships has sailed from the Piraeus for Turkish waters and it is stated that an Italian fleet will rendezvous with the British fleet within a few days. There has been most serious trouble at Caesarea not far from Jerusalem; but no details of the rioting have yet reached this

A great panic prevails at Moosh, owing to the Kurdish movement. Al those who can do so are fleeing from the city and neighborhood. Many people are reported to have been robbed, murdered while fleeing. The Kurds are said to be in arms throughout the district. Troops are, it is claimed by the authorities, being hurried to the spot.

The most serious state of affairs still prevails at Zeitoun, where the Armenians recently captured a battalion of Turkish troops, with their arms, ammunition and supplies, and after wards occupied the barracks and a the strategic position in and about

The government is trying very hard to prevail upon the Armenians there to lay down their arms, promising that they shall not be in any way mo lested if they return to their homes and surrender the Turkish soldiers they hold as prisoners, with their arms, etc. But the Armenians have so fre quently been the victims of similar promises that it is not considered likely that they will give up their prisoners or the position they In this case some desperate fighting may shortly take place, as a large force of Turkish regulars and reserves is moving rapidly upon Zeitoun.

The captured soldiers, it is known have been well treated by the Armenians, much to the surprise of the au thorities here, who expected that they

The Turkish officials claim that some Armenians recently captured in arm against the Sultan had Russian rifles and ammunition in their possession. This is not thought extraordinary here, as it has been known for a year past that the Armenians have been obtaining arms from the Russian provinces. But the Turks are trying to make much of this in their usual tactics of playing one country against another.

The distribution of revolutionary liter ature throughout Asia Minor is being carried on extensive'y in spite of all the precautions taken by the Turkish government, and not a day passes without incendiary placards being torn down by the police here, and in all the big cities. There seems to be no doubt that the spirit of revolution is spreading even among the old Turks, and the young Tuck party is said to be ripe for a re-

It is now believed that the powers will not take definite action against the Porte until all the naval squadrons have assembled in Turkish waters, which will be about the time that the British Am bassador to Turkey, Sir Philip Currie, returns here, after consulting with his government as to the future action of

Great Britain. In the meanwhile, the state of suspense is decidedly wearying, and the ambassadors themselves will be greatly relieved when the hour for action upon the part of Europe arrives. Nobody doubts that this time is coming; it now seems to be only a question of days.

American Ships in Turkish Waters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 13.-In the present state of affairs in Turkey the Navy Department will not add to the strength of the United States squadron now in Turkish waters, which will consist of the San Francisco and the Marblehead. It is felt that these two vessels are ample to protect American residents in Turkey, even in the ing from New York.

event of actual hostilities, and to assembled a strong naval force there nov might be construed as a joint participation by the U. S. in the demands which are being made on the Porte, whereas our government has no in tention of becoming embroiled in any European complications, no matter n which direction our sympathies may

To Confer on the Turkish Situation. BOSTON, Nov. 13 .- Secretary Smith, of the American Board of Foreign Misions, and Lawyer Henry Hyde, left Boston for Washington, where, on Friday morning, they will have a conference with Secretary Olpey in reference

Russia Stands by Tucky.

BERLIN, Nov. 13 -A dispatch from Constantinople to the Frankfurter Zeitung says that the Russian ambassador to Terkey, M. De Nelidoff, declares that Russia would not accept the mandate of the powers to pacify Armenia,

Armenians Teachers Killed.

BERLIN, Nov. 13 .- A dispatch to the Cologue Gazette from Constantinople says that all the Armeman Christian teachers in the Trebizond and Erzercum districts have been killed.

LEGISLATURE MAY BE A TIF. The Death of a Democratic Sepator-Elect in Maryland.

WEST MINISTER, Md., Nov. 13 .-Senator-elect Pinckney J. Bennett, of Carroll county, died suddenly to-night. At the late election Mr. Bennett was re-elected for a third term as a Demo-

Gov. Brown will be called upon to order a special election for Carroli county and upon the result of that election depends the politic complexion of the next Senate of Maryland. With Mr. Bennett's vote that body stood 14 Democrats and 12 Republi-cans. Should the Republicans elect a successor to Mr. Bennett the Senate would be a tie with Senator Brice, of Baltimore, acting in harmony with the Republicans upon all reform measures and uniting with them in confirming the Republicans Governor's nominations. Should the Democrats win the situation will remain the same as prior to Mr. Bennett's death.

The regular Democrats here expected, because of their control of the Senate, to prevent many changes propos ed in the registration, election, and other laws of the State as well as to offset many of the Republican Governor's nominations. The special election in Carroll, will therefore, be a lively affair. The county gave Lowndes, Republican, a majority for Governor of 126; Mr. Bennett's majority was but 47.

FOUR KILLED, FOUR INJURED. Disastrons Wreck on the Southern Railway in Alabama.

details of the worck on the Southern bing December 9th. The basis of reprefact that four men were killed and four injured. The collision occurred between a freight and work train, the latter backing on the former without placing signals out. The casualties were as follows:

Tony Cunningham, Moses Moege, Luke Bailey, Steve McDonald, of the work train, killed; P. J. Matthews and Philip Sewell, engineer and fireman on the freight, and Pink Wilburn and Andrew Townsend, of the work-train, more or less injured. The dead men were in the caboose of the work-train which collided with the engine of the freight, and were unable to jump as the rest did.

Another Railroad Accident. AKRON, Ohio, Nov. 13 -A wreck on the Cleveland, Loraine and Wheeling Railroad at Warwick, 15 miles South of here, at 3 o'clock this morning, resulted in the death of Conductor Charles Ernst

and brakeman John Adams. Largest Vessel in the World.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13--The Pennsylvania of the Hamburg American steamship line, which will go into commission in June, is the largest vessel in the world. She has 20,000 tons displacement, which beats the Lucannia by fifteen per cent. Her lergth is 560 feet, beam 62 feet and depth 42 feet. She has four pole masts and but one funnel and while carrying 30,000 tons dead weight has accommodations for 200 cabin and 1,500 steerage passengers.

Indians May Grow Troublesome.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 .- At the request of the Interior Department, Gen. Wheaton, commanding the Department of Colorado, has been instructed to hold a troop of cavalry in readiness to dispatch, if necessary, to the scene of the killing of two Indians in Southern Ute agency, Colorado.

Five Seamen Were Drowned.

INWOOD, L. I., Nov. 13 -The steamboat James W. Boyle is believed to have sunk off Coney Island to day between the Bell buoy at Norton's Point and the entrance to Rockaway inlet. She carried a crew of five and Walter B. Woods, of this place and all are reported drowned.

Death of Dr. Samuel A. Keen.

DELAWARE, O., Nov. 13.-Rev. Dr. Samuel Ashton Keen, an evangelist and author, well known in religious circles throughout the United States, is dead.

Back from the Whitney Wedding.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 13 .- President Cleveland and Secretary Herbert returned here at 7:40 o'clock this morn-

WEDDING AT GREENSBORO.

Marriage of Mr. Ernest B. McKenzie and Miss Katherine Scales. Special to the News and Observer.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 13. In the history of Greensboro's marriages and giving in marriage there has never occurred one which for faultlessness of detail, beauty of the attendants and, above all, the handsome appearance of the principals, has never been excelled. The principals on this occasion were Mr. Ernest Brandon McKenzie and Miss Katherine Scales, both of this city.

At an early hour yesterday evening the crowd began to gather, and by the hour appointed for the ceremony, the large building of the First Presbyterian church was filled to its utmost capacity and the ushers were finally forced to close the doors. At 8 o'clock Miss Kate Scales Wyllis, of Danville, cousin of the bride, sang Schubeth Serenade, and her matchless voice held the crowd in rapt silence. She was accompanied by Miss Laura Brockman on the organ, and Prof. Chas. Brockman on the violin.

At the close of the song, the wedding party came in to the music of the lovely Mendellsohn's March. The ushers came first on opposite aisles - Mr. T. W. Wade on the right and Mr. Zeb Taylor on the left, then the bride's maids followed: Misses Luola Vaughan, with Mr. Peter Houston; Matel Hill and Mr. A. H. Galloway; Carrie Settle and Mr. Will Jessup; Lillie Small and Mr. Renwick Wilkes; Emmie Galloway and Mr. W. H. Merrimon; Bessie Henderson and Mr. Will. Holderness; Miss Bethel and Mr. Will. Sumner; Miss Ella Foust and Mr. Carr.

The attendants grouped themselves in semi-circle around the altar, where the groom and his best man, Mr. Will Oliver took their places, facing the altar. Then followed the maid of honor Miss Irony Scales, sister of the bride, and the two pretty pages, Master Alfred Wyllis and Miss Effie Cobb. Last came the bride, a beautiful vision in white embcssed satin, pearl and chiffon trimmings, with her brother, Mr. A. M.

At the altar the goom, gracefully offered his arm and they made a beautiful picture standing neath the lovely bridal bell. Dr. J. Henry Smith conducted the ceremony. During the closing prayer the entire bridal party knelt. After the ceremony an elegant reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. McKinzie and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Scales, also recently married. At 11 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. McKinzie left for New York.

THE FEDERATION OF LABOR. Fifteenth Annual Convention to be Held December 9th.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 13 .-- President McBride, of the American Federation of Labor, has sent out the call for the fifteenth annual convention of the Federation, which will be held in Madi-Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 13. - Further son Equare Garden, New York, begin-

sentation in the convention will be: From National or International Unions of less than 4 000 or more, two delegates: 8.000 or more, three delegates: 16,000 or more, four delegates; 32,000 or more, five delegates, and so on, and from each local order or trade organization or federated body not connected with or having a National or International head affiliated with the Federa-

tion, one delegate. President McBride and Secretary McGraith say the convention will be the largest the organization has ever held. President McBride is writing his annual address, and Secretary McGraith. is engaged on his report.

THE SOUTHERN SURGEONS.

Interesting Papers Read Before the-Association Yesterday.

Washington, Nov. 13 .- The Southern Surgical Association resumed its sessions to-day with papers by Doctor's Davis, of Birmingham, Ala.; Wilson of Sherman, Texas; Johnson and Long, of Richmond, Va.; Westmoreland, of Atlanta; Fenger, of Chicago; Souchon, of New Orleans; Wyeth, of New York City; McMurtry, of Louisville, Collock, of Cheraw, S. C.; Henry, of Chester, S. C.; and Jenks of Hot Springs, Ark.

President Tiffany read his annual report, showing the satisfactory progress made by the association.

The Constitutional Convention.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 13.-The Constitutional Convention, with a view of getting through as early as possible, adopted a resolution limiting all speeches to ten minutes. The article on education was taken up, and a proposition to make the office of county school commissioner a constitutional one, rather than one subject to legislation, was lost. The question of the amount of poll-tax and the constitutional school tax was being debated when recess was taken.

Organizing the Silver Party.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 13.--Three hundred Populists, disaffected Democrats and Republicans, held a conference here to day. Hon. J. C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, made a warm silver speech and was loudly cheered. It is possible a new party to be known as the Free Silver-Honest Elections' party, will be organ-

Box Factory Burned in Richmond

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 13.—The main building of the Randolph Paper Box Factory was burned to the ground tonight and totally destroyed. It is not known how the fire started. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, and the insurance is thought to be about \$100,000.