

ORIGINAL TATTLER ILLINOIS BRIBERY GOES UPON STAND

Representative White Making Effort to Put Himself in a Better Light

HE TELLS OF SOME BOOKS HE HAS READ

Said He Told His Supporters He Would Expose Corruption at Springfield

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Chas. A. White, who after running the gamut from street car conductor to member of the Illinois legislature, confessed to receiving money to vote for William Lorimer for the United States senate, today began to retell his story before the senate committee.

Explaining that he wished to show the source from which White obtained his food for thought, Attorney J. H. Marble, for the committee, asked the witness what he was reading at the time he was elected to the legislature.

White mentioned these: Lawson's High Finance Exposé magazine articles which White characterized as "a pretty nice piece of work."

Four volumes of Roman history—"about the Carthaginians, the Syrians, and that class of stuff."

Ingersoll's complete works; Bryan's Commoner, Taylor's "Life Pictures," "Appeal to Reason," socialist publication.

CITIZEN CONTEST IS OPEN; WILL COVER WIDE FIELD

Announcement of Big Vote Offer Causes Interest—Names of Candidates Appear Again Wednesday

The Citizen's great prize contest is getting fairly started now, and a most encouraging degree of interest is shown by the many who are sending in queries and nominations, and the prospect is for widely extended activity.

Twenty-one energetic people of this vicinity are going to win \$5,640 worth of prizes within the next few weeks. There is no reason whatever why you should not be among them if you are willing to spend a little energy in order to gain a splendid reward. There are a few people whose relation to the Citizen excluded them from this competition, mainly employees who live in the city of Asheville, but if you are not in this class you should not think of allowing yourself to waste such an opportunity.

Of course, we do not mean that everybody should be a candidate, but we do mean that every public-spirited citizen should take an active part in the coming campaign on his own account or that of a friend.

You can be just as busy canvassing for votes for a friend as much pride in their achievement at the close, for you will have had so much to do with it that it will seem a victory of your own. If you do not busy yourself with it one way or another you will feel distinctly "out of it."

Do Not Hesitate.

There are lots of people who never get anything because they never start anything. They are inactive and never alert. They wait as much as others do, but they hesitate and then find it is too late. Break the habit of hesitating, enter The Citizen contest today and take the first steps that will lead you to winning the touring car or a runabout.

Listen to This.

If a man should come to you and offer a \$1,750 Chalmers touring car as a free gift you would very likely think him crazy, or suspect something queer in the proposition, but if the same man were to explain to you that in exchange for this great gift you were to give him something which would cost you nothing, and would yet be of immense value to him, you would see that he was making

CAROLINA COTTON MILLS SHUT DOWN MANY OUT OF WORK

Water in Catawba so Low That 152 Mills Close Down Temporarily, Throwing 70,000 Operatives Out of Employment

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 31.—As a climax to the unprecedented drought this section is experiencing, one hundred and fifty-two cotton mills in North and South Carolina shut down today because the water in Catawba river is so low the Southern Power company cannot supply the plants with power.

It is estimated that seventy thousand operatives are thrown out of employment. It is two weeks since rain of any consequence has fallen and local weather bureau reports show a deficiency of 50 per cent in precipitation for this section. Crooks which have not gone dry in forty-five years are mud holes, and distress among the rural population dependent for water on wells is great. Mountain streams to the west upon which many of the flouring mills, tanneries and cotton mills are dependent for power have dwindled to mere brooks in some instances and many of the manufacturing enterprises have been forced to shut down. Crops in this immediate section are burning up in the fields. Many farmers in this and the adjoining counties despairing of a corn crop, have chopped down the young corn and are using it for feed; while the hot winds are playing havoc with cotton.

Other Towns Face Ordeal. Cities and towns to the north and west of Charlotte are facing the ordeal of a water famine that this city is now experiencing. At Greensboro, Salisbury, Concord, Spencer, Monroe, Wadesboro and other places the water supply problem has reached a stage and measure of economy are being rigidly enforced. The situation in Charlotte has not improved materially though the authorities are working night and day on the problem. Feeling that the distress of the people is not being relieved as promptly as was hoped by means of tank trains from the river at Mt. Holly, the offers of water from Gastonia, Shelby, and Lincoln were today accepted and tank trains brought in tonight fifty thousand gallons from each place. This is being pumped into the city mains direct by means of fire engines, and an additional steamer borrowed from Columbia, S. C. will augment the local fire apparatus in this work tomorrow. It is hoped by Wednesday to resume an economic service through the mains. It has been cut off since early Sunday. Special prayer services for rain were held in churches through-

out the section yesterday. There was a brief shower this afternoon and rain is falling lightly tonight with atmospheric conditions that promise relief.

Asheville Sends Wager. Suffering Charlotteans will drink Asheville water for a few hours today, as a result of a special train composed of acid cars of the Champion Fibre company and a Southern engine, which took approximately 50,000 gallons of water to the "Queen City" as a gift from the metropolis of "the land of the sky" yesterday.

Charlotte People Here. Doubtless on account of the water famine at Charlotte, Asheville has as her guests just now probably more Charlotteans than have been in this city at one time for many seasons. The registers at the leading hotels last night showed that many people from Charlotte and nearby towns arrived here yesterday and boarding houses report that many reservations have been made by people from the section surrounding Charlotte for board and rooms for an indefinite period. It is believed that many will arrive here today and the majority of those who are already here have expressed their intentions of remaining in Asheville until the situations at their home towns are relieved.

While the towns of the piedmont section are patching the water supply for Asheville is in good shape a heavy shower having fallen at the intake yesterday afternoon. The source of supply is naturally somewhat lower than usual on account of the dry period, although no trouble is anticipated here due to the fact the Asheville is perhaps the most favored city in America so far as her water supply is concerned.

LOUISIANA'S FIRST BALE NEW ORLEANS, July 31.—The first bale of Louisiana's new crop of cotton was sold here today for 17 cents a pound. The bale weighed 570 pounds and was produced at Rayne, La. This cotton arrived nine days earlier than the first bale last season.

BEATTIE SAYS HE WON'T BE ELECTROCUTED, WOULD DIE BY OWN HAND FIRST

Arrangements for Transfer of Beulah Binford and Paul Beattie

ANOTHER WITNESS

RICHMOND, July 31.—Henry Beattie is quoted on high authority today as having said in substance the course of a statement he made:

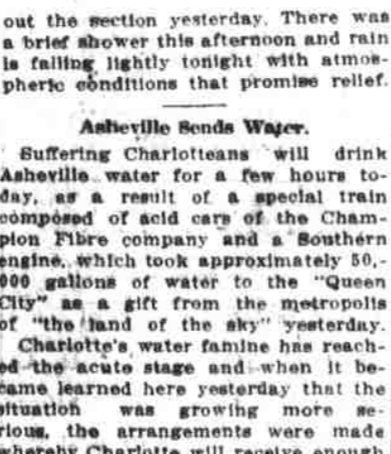
"These people who think they are going to put me in the electric chair are all wrong. They were never more wrong about anything in their lives. I shall never be electrocuted. I'd take poison and kill myself in order to prevent anything like that." But there is nothing in Henry's conduct to suggest that he has any intention of destroying himself.

Arrangements were made today for the transfer tomorrow of Beulah Binford and Paul Beattie, held as material witnesses for the commonwealth in the case of Henry Beattie, Jr., the alleged wife murderer from the Henrico county jail to the Richmond city jail. Henry Beattie will remain in the Henrico jail. It is alleged that there has been more or less communication between Beulah and Henry since their incarceration, and the authorities determined that this, or the possibility of such a thing, must be ended. A summons was issued today for the appearance before the grand jury on Aug. 14 of Mrs. Chalmers W. Elliott, of 1253 Taylor street, who is said to be an intimate friend of Beulah's, and who visited Beulah at the jail last Saturday. She is said to have gained admittance to the city's cell by representing herself to be a relative. She is expected to prove an important witness for the commonwealth corroborating certain statements of Beulah's.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH. RALEIGH, N. C., July 31.—Miss Maggie Suggs, daughter of a prominent farmer of Greene county, was burned to death last night while returning home in a buggy from church at Bull's Cross Roads in Greene county. It is believed some one carelessly threw a lighted cigar stump in the buggy, her clothing became ignited and she died in a few hours after reaching home.

Do it Today--

AM HA! A GREAT IDEA JUST STRUCK ME - I'LL NOMINATE MY BEST GIRL, WIN THE AUTO FOR HER AND THEN PROPOSE; SHE CAN'T REFUSE AFTER THAT



And Get Solid With Her

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BATTLE OF BALLOTS IN MISSISSIPPI AT HAND

Three Candidates for Senate Made Final Speeches Last Night—All Confident

JACKSON, Miss., July 31.—Mississippi's state campaign was brought to a close tonight and the battle of ballots takes place tomorrow. The three candidates for the senatorship fight, which has been the bitterest in the history of the state, delivered their final speeches tonight. United States Senator LeRoy Ferry, whose office is being sought by former Gov. J. K. Vardaman and C. F. Alexander, spoke at Jits Benn today to several thousand people. United States Senator John Sharp Williams also spoke, delivering a spirited address denouncing what he termed "Vardamanism." He appealed to the voters to return Mr. Ferry to the senate. The capital city was a divided house tonight. Partisan feeling ran high but no disturbances occurred.

Mr. Vardaman issued the following from his headquarters tonight: "This is a contest for supremacy between the man whose toil produces the wealth of the country and the favored few who reap the products of that toil. The people of Mississippi will settle the question tomorrow as to whether or not the honest patriotic methods of the past shall be the rule of action in Mississippi politics or the tricks, bribery and obsequery of the secret caucus. I expect to win by the largest majority any man ever received in Mississippi who had any opposition at all."

EL ORO, Mexico, July 31.—In repelling a mob of striking miners who today freed the prisoners in the jail troops fired into the crowd, killing nine and wounding thirty-two. The strikers were from La Esperanza mine which they abandoned this morning. This afternoon the men in the Mexico mine, an adjoining property walked out. It is expected by the men of El Oro mine that a strike will be called there tomorrow. Fearing that they might be the victims of anti-foreign demonstrations, many American women were sent out of the camp in a special train to Mexico City. The fears were based on a circular recently issued by the miners in which Americans were bitterly assailed. More than 4,000 men of the Mexico and La Esperanza mines are out. They demand higher wages. If these men should be joined by those in El Oro the number of strikers would be 7,000.

One hundred soldiers were sent from Toluca, the state capital to El Oro this afternoon and President De la Barra has promised additional protection. It is expected that one thousand soldiers will be here before morning from the capital. Trouble began early. The rurales had arrested a few of the strikers and the idle men determined to set them free. Arming themselves with pieces of gold ore and stones they started up the one street of the town toward the jail, throwing stones as they went at such buildings as offended their sight. They shouted their defiance at the rurales, who fired numerous shots. Before the mob fled, however, it had succeeded in freeing the prisoners.

Shutters were closed throughout the town and foreigners redoubled their activity to put the women out of danger.

STORM CAUSES HAVOC. ABILENE, Tex., July 31.—Two persons were killed, a score were injured and nearly every business house in Abilene was damaged by a storm of wind and hail tonight. A number of residences were also wrecked.

GEORGIA WOULD BE DRIER EVEN THAN AT PRESENT

House Committee on Temperance Recommends Drastic Near Beer Law

ATLANTA, July 31.—Instead of following in the wake of Alabama and Texas, which have recently discarded prohibition for local option, the house committee on temperance in the Georgia legislature today voted to recommend a bill that is intended to restrict the sale of "near beer." The vote was 20 to 10. The measure was introduced by Representative Tippens, and is regarded as the most drastic bill yet proposed as an adjunct to the prohibition law. It makes it unlawful to sell or to keep on hand for the purpose of sale any beverages or liquid capable of being drunk as a beverage that contains more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol. One amendment exempting legitimate medicines and another barring all drinks that contain any alcohol was killed. A substitute bill authorizing licensed beer saloons and "package houses" also was voted down.

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Troops Fire into Crowd Who Freed Prisoners—Many Wounded

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AFTER CAUCUSING TWICE DEMOCRATS FAVOR FREE LIST

Farmers' Measure Will be Voted Upon In Senate Today After Much Hot Air

MORE AMENDMENTS OF SENATOR CUMMINS UP

Senator Gore Would Prohibit Free Entry Into Canada of Numerous Staples

WASHINGTON, July 31.—After two lengthy caucuses today the democratic senators late tonight decided unanimously to support the farmers' free list bill passed by the house, and which will be voted upon tomorrow in the senate. At the same time the democrats of the house committee on ways and means at a night meeting formally decided to recommend to the house tomorrow that it ask the senate for a conference on the wool tariff revision bill.

Bacon Resolution. The senate caucus adopted a resolution offered by Senator Bacon pledging support to the house free list bill and inquiring concerted action by the democrats in an effort to pass the measure unamended. This is regarded as doubtful, and it was agreed that in case of defeat the bill would be reoffered, modified by an amendment to be submitted by Senator Kern granting the advantages of the bill only to those countries which admit free of duty American corn, oats, hay, cotton and hops. Although the Bacon amendment was adopted unanimously Senator Bailey, whose proposed amendment in the bill adding farm products to the free list measure was killed by the action of the caucus, withdrew with some of his followers before the vote was taken. His withdrawal was not in the nature of a bolt, however, and a solid democratic front is expected tomorrow. Just where the insurgent republicans stand tonight is not so certain. In the senate today it developed in the debate on the free list bill that some of the proposed insurgent republican amendments would not encounter that measure. Senator Cummins of Iowa, said he would offer his amendment to change the wool schedule of the present tariff when the cotton bill comes over from the house and not as a rider to the free list bill.

Senator Brewster, of Kansas, announced he would not offer his sugar amendment to change the wool schedule of the present tariff when the cotton bill comes over from the house and not as a rider to the free list bill.

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