

The cablegrams from across the water continue to record the social and oratorical triumphs of the great Democratic leader.

On Saturday Mr. Chamberlain entertained him; and the next day he was the guest of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, who had assembled the leaders of Irish thought in Church and State to meet him.

Here is a charming glimpse, sent by the associated press, of the impression created in the old country by our leading American gentleman:

Ambassador Choate has been indefatigable in his attentions to Mr. Bryan, and at the latter's special request he introduced him to the Governor of the Bank of England, Hope Morley, with whom he discussed bimetallism.

Everyone who meets Mr. Bryan confesses to being fascinated by his simplicity and straightforward manner. He is everywhere voted to be an altogether delightful and charming personality.

Mr. Choate's dinner party for him was selected with the fine tact and at the same time with a touch of that genial, ironical humor which is the Ambassador's greatest gift.

Both at the National Liberal Club dinner and at the American Society's banquet Mr. Bryan's oratory made a profound impression. No other speaker at the American Society's banquet has evoked anything like the enthusiasm Mr. Bryan did by his fight of real and natural eloquence, in which he painted his ideal of America's mission among the nations.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The dispatches, as printed in several of the papers, noted the fact that a report on the national guard encampments had been made by "Major French."

As already stated in this paper, Mr. Small is not to be on the committee on Rivers and Harbors, notwithstanding he had the endorsement of four States and of every important commercial organization from Baltimore to the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Patterson is assigned to the committee on the census; Mr. Page to that on civil service reform; Mr. Webb, on education; and Mr. Gaudin on alcoholic liquor traffic.

A NEW TURN IN THE COLUMBIAN MATTER.

A new turn has been given to the Panama-Colombian affair by the declaration made by General Reyes, the special envoy from Colombia to the United States, who has arrived at Washington, and who made a statement to the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun on Saturday, from which we quote the following:

"You will readily admit the propriety of my refraining from discussing my mission, which is of a confidential character," said the General, "but of the efforts which Colombia is ready to make I desire to say that my energies and those of my followers will be devoted to the granting of the canal concessions to the United States without the payment of a cent."

"Are you authorized by President Marroquin to make this offer to the Washington Government?" General Reyes was asked.

"That would be divulging my instructions before I have executed them. I can not say more about this now," he replied.

"You can further say," continued the General, "that all Colombia is in favor of the building of the canal by the United States and that the unfortunate political troubles which were the sole cause of the treaty's death before the Colombian Congress have entirely disappeared."

"What can the United States do, now that a treaty has been signed by Secretary Hay and Mr. Boggs?" asked the reporter.

"After an absence of several weeks we come again to let the rest of the world know that we are still in existence, even if everything is the same old 'six and seven'."

Mr. Percy Givney, of Sherwood, entered school at Siedman last week. Mr. Frank Sessoms, of Ft. Caswell, spent a few days at Siedman recently.

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The Cotton Crop Since 1853.

The Raleigh News and Observer gives this table: The total cotton output in bales for this country for the past fifty years with the exception of the four years of the Civil War, when the market was in a demoralized state:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Bales. Data includes years from 1853 to 1903 and corresponding bales.

Improved Method of Teaching the Primary Department of the Graded School.

Ma. Editor.—It was my pleasure to visit the primary department of the Graded School recently. This department is taught by Mrs. Kate Utley.

They are also taught to sing and to exercise the body. It is very impressive to see the little ones of the kind of Christ said: 'Suffer the children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.'

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The Fete of Wood.

Correspondence of the Observer. Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 28, 1903. Mr. Editor:—

The wood question is being discussed quite freely the last few days. Wood dealers are charging a sharp percent more per load for wood, and the loads they offer are as usual, very small.

"In reading the roster of the members of the House of Representatives," says the Robesonian, "our attention is arrested by the large number of names that indicate foreign extraction and have not been associated with the growth of the country."

No doubt our contemporary is right, in great measure; but we do not believe the influence of the foreign born and their children would be effective in this matter were it not for the greed of the mine owners and corporations, whose influence secures the habitual violation of the restrictive immigration laws now and for years past on the statute books.

Comberland, N. C., Nov. 30, 1903. Mr. Editor:—

A few nights ago, while on his way from Fayetteville, Mr. L. B. Pattiall, who was accompanied by his brother, when near the gate of the stock law fence on the road that leads to Hope Mill, was confronted by two ruffians who suddenly sprang from the bushes into the road.

The general health of our village is very good. We had only one serious case of sickness, that of Miss Mary McKinnon who is critically ill at this time, but we hope soon to see her convalescent.

Of course colds are somewhat in order, for which Pat seems to have a little more than his share—or, at least, that is his feeling.

With Pat's best wishes for the Observer and its entire staff, I am, as ever, your truly, LITTLE LEM.

Advice from the Quackery. Senator Channey Depeve.

THE BLACKBY CHAPTER IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

What the Country is Getting for Defeating Bryan.

Mr. Harry E. MacNichol, of the staff of the New York American and Atlanta Journal, telegraphs these papers as follows from Panama, under date of November 28:

All good Americans ought to be interested in the birth of a new nation—a republic—in the western world.

The independence of the isthmus has been for years a cherished hope of the liberal leaders here and in Colon, but the plot did not take form until Colombia rejected the canal treaty and left the Panamas really nothing more to hope for from the Bogota government.

There was a cable to the United States and printed in all the newspapers the story of how General Huertas had landed on the north coast of this isthmus and was marching toward Panama.

General Huertas, according to prevailing reports, received \$10,000 in gold for his action, and the troops turned over received their back pay of pay for the future was more than looked for.

The Washington government was kept fully informed of every detail of revolution through M. Varilla, the agent of the Panama Canal Company.

As night came on things looked very black for Colon. All the foreign representatives were warned to take refuge in the freight station of the Panama railroad.

Miss Sallie E. Jackson has been awarded \$5,000 in Meeklenburg Superior Court for the death of her brother on the Southern Railroad.

Dr. Jay, who, on the 17th of October, in Sumner county, killed his three children with a law hammer, was yesterday convicted of murder in the second degree.

Battle Between Platt and Odell.

Receivers for Dawie's Zion—Ottawa University Burned—Miners Protest—The Missing Theatre Manager.

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Chicago, Dec. 2.—An accident occurred today on the South Side Elevated R. R. It is reported, at Fifty-first street, but it is not known how serious. Several are known to have been injured.

London, Dec. 2.—Japanese Minister Baron Raynski received news today that a basis of agreement had been reached between Russia and Japan, and expects that a treaty will be signed soon.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners has sent a telegram to the President protesting against the action of the Colorado authorities in ordering a large number of citizens to leave Telluride under penalty of being imprisoned under the guise of enforcing the law.

New York, Dec. 2.—The battle for control of the Republican machine in the State of New York is on today being won by Senator T. C. Platt and Governor Odell.

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