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REFUSES A JOINT DEBATE.

Bryan Declines to Meet Bourke Cockran on the Trust Issue.

KICKED ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

and finally, after a personal interview with the New Yorker, Was Given His Own Way.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—The exciting and dramatic looked for Friday night when Wm. J. Bryan and Bourke Cockran were to meet in the grand opera house, but the people present to witness the event without exception were disappointed. Bryan, however, occupied a seat on the platform.

Mr. Bryan reached Central Music hall early in the evening. He went to his room upstairs, where he was greeted by Chairman Franklin Head, Congressman Gaines, Ralph M. Easley and other members of the program committee of the civil federation conference on trusts. Bryan surprised the committee by declining to speak at the night session with Wm. Bourke Cockran, in accordance with the programme previously arranged. He explained he did not wish to let the impression go out that he was to enter into a debate with Mr. Cockran. For that reason, he said, he would not speak with Mr. Cockran at the same session. The committee withdrew to discuss the two orators to settle the matter among themselves. Mr. Cockran was called to talk at the same session with the Hon. Nebraskan, and offered to flip a coin to determine who should have the privilege of delivering the opening address.

Mr. Bryan would not accept this proposition. Mr. Cockran then agreed to appear at 22 any time the committee desired. The programme was then changed to meet Mr. Bryan's wishes. Mr. Bryan said he was anxious to address the conference, and claimed that his only reason for changing the programme was to avoid any indication of a public debate with Cockran. Mr. Bryan spoke at Saturday's session.

Service Stripes for B. & O. Railroad Men.

There are many unformed employees of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad who have spent the better part of their lives with the company, but who have never been aware of their length of service and devotion to duty that has made them valued men. Vice-President and General Manager E. H. Starnes will shortly issue an order providing for service stripes for these men, that the public may know of their faithfulness and ability. A gold stripe will mean five years of service, and a silver stripe two years. Some of the Baltimore and Ohio conductors will be entitled to from seven to nine gold stripes. The company will also furnish conductors, brakemen and baggage men of all classes, with badges, so that they may be easily distinguished by those unfamiliar with the service.

Four New Cases in New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Special.—There were four new cases of yellow fever announced by the State board of health Tuesday. No deaths were reported. At a meeting of the board it was determined not to quarantine against infected points. There would be no reason for such a course now, inasmuch as Mississippi has pretty generally closed her doors against this city, and Texas and Alabama are bent on maintaining their quarantines. There have been only a few cases of fever here altogether, and the city was never in better health.

Hung Twice.

Middle Ala., Special.—Henry Gardner, a negro 18 years old, was hanged here Friday, for assaulting a white girl under ten years of age. The crime was committed last June. When the trap fell Gardner's weight snapped the rope and he fell heavily to the ground. Twenty minutes later he was again led to the gallows and executed.

Delagel Acquitted.

Gaston, Ga., Special.—Henry Delagel, colored, was acquitted in the Eleventh Circuit Court of the charge of criminal assault upon a white woman in Mecklenburg county. This was the affair out of which grew the Darien riots. Arguments of the attorneys were made at a late hour last night, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. When a verdict of not guilty was returned, the cases of Edward and Malinda Delagel, charged with being accessories to the murder of Sheriff Townsend, were begun in the afternoon. These are the last of the Darien cases.

Schley Still to Sail the Seas.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Some time ago Admiral Schley applied to the Navy Department for sea service. At present he is head of the retiring board. The Navy Department has now granted the request and has notified him to hold himself in readiness for sea. He has been assigned to command the South Atlantic station, and the department is about to take steps to make the command commensurate with his rank by increasing considerably the number of vessels on the station.

Artillery Returns to Fort Monroe.

Newport News, Va., Special.—The two batteries of artillery transferred from Fort Monroe, at the outbreak of the yellow fever, to Plum Island, returned to their old quarters on the fort, Thursday. They came down on the steamer Jefferson.

The Pope's Illness.

London, by Cable.—A special dispatch from Rome says the Pope is suffering from a cold, unaccompanied by fever, but as a precautionary measure his audiences have been discontinued temporarily.

ANOTHER NEW COTTON MILL

Large Manufacturing Plant to be Located at Mount Pleasant.

Another new cotton mill was granted articles of incorporation by the secretary of State. The "Trenton Cotton Mill" is the name of this latest enterprise. Its location is Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county. The amount of capital stock of the mill is \$200,000, and may be increased to \$100,000. The incorporators are: L. J. Foll, J. W. Cannon, Paul Barringer and A. N. James. The annual meeting will be held the second Tuesday in September. The business proposed is the manufacture and sale of cotton, cotton goods, yarns, thread and woven cotton, silk or linen, either spun or woven. Within a radius of seventy-five miles of the site of the great Yadin river power plant, there is being building there are at present no less than eighty-three cotton mills alone, to which power could be supplied. Some of these mills use water now, and are situated on other powers almost all of which would admit of increased plants. Especially is this true of the Cooleemee mills in Davie county, now in course of erection, on the south Yadin, where they have an available horse power of several thousand. The Yadin River company, which is erecting this power plant at the Narrows, intends to erect an "immense" cotton mill somewhere near the plant, to demonstrate the efficiency and cheapness of electricity as a power compared with steam.

After Colored Recruits.

Lieutenant Settle yesterday received orders to begin enlisting men for the two colored volunteer regiments, the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth. The Forty-eighth will be stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky., and the Forty-ninth, at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis. Recruits can select either, but those having no preference will be sent to Fort Thomas. These are the only colored regiments to be raised and they will probably be filled very quickly. The recently appointed colored officers of this State will probably be assigned to help recruit, and if so officers may be opened in Durham or Winston.

Graham's New Factory.

There are growing times, and the Scott Melrose Manufacturing Company, of Graham, manufacturers of overalls, have outgrown their quarters and have newly completed a large two story brick factory, 75x120 feet. This building was begun only a few years ago and the great success which it has met shows what can be done in the old North State by men of the "get up and go" spirit.

State Notes.

The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina will convene in Asheville on the 10th of October and will continue its session for several days. It is expected that about 200 delegates will attend the meeting.

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Mr. W. H. Wade, who was drowned

at Wrightsville Beach on Saturday, was a grandson of Chief Justice Marshall.

John F. Rowland, a prominent Republican

of Rutherford county, has declared for the Constitutional Amendment.

The Bank of Madison has opened

its doors with Col. J. M. Galloway as president, Wm. C. Ruffin as vice-president, and J. O. Raggsdale as cashier.

The Albemarle correspondent to the

Charlotte Observer says that Cal Fraley was sentenced to the late county to six years in the penitentiary for perjury.

The suggestion that Mr. W. C. Petty

will extend his road, which is now being built twenty miles beyond Carthage to Greensboro. It would give Greensboro connection with the Seaboard Air Line.

The Greensboro Record says that

since the Southern Railway acquired the northern end of the Cape Fear road, the freight rates have gone up.

Before the purchase, the rate on tobacco

from a South Carolina point was 53 cents, and now it is 55. The Record thinks this a case for the Corporation Commission.

A local option election was held

recently in the township in Watnora county in which Blowing Rock is situated, and resulted in a victory for the drys by 6 majority.

R. Lieb, a native German, recently

living in Madison county, together with a friend of foreign birth, has leased two farms belonging to G. W. Mose, adjoining the well known R. L. F. Jones farm on Hominy, and will assume control at once. It is believed these gentlemen will carry on farming in the most thorough style, having had training in the old country, where farming is done scientifically of necessity.—Asheville Citizen.

We hear of a peculiar accident that

befell a young man by the name of Hayes, in Richland county. Colden Hayes, who was in the county, was carrying a buckshot and stopped work to rest, sitting on the fence, placed the scythe and cradle on the ground nearby with the edge of the scythe up. By some means a rail on the fence slipped and Hayes, to prevent falling, jumped, lighting on the scythe, cutting through his shoe and into his foot to the bone.

A very peculiar case of hydrophobia

is reported from Stanley county. About two years ago a dog, seemingly in play with Charles Little, a young man who lived in Stanley county, dropped some foam on Little's hand. Some work on his hand. The dog proved to be mad. Some time ago Little started to Albermarle, but after going a few miles refused to continue further. Later he became mad and was carried to the hospital at Morganton for treatment. The hospital physician diagnosed the disease as a very plain case of hydrophobia, and the young man died in terrible agony last Friday.

BRYAN SPEAKS ON TRUSTS.

Great Leader Denounces the Trust System.

THE STATE AND NATION

Should Unite to Make These Combinations Impossible, Enthusiastic Listeners, and Great Applause.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Central Music Hall, the scene of the Civic Federation Conference on trusts and combinations, was packed from pit to gallery when W. J. Bryan delivered his reply to Wm. Bourke Cockran on the trust question.

Mr. Bryan was introduced by Governor Stanley of Kansas, who acted as chairman of the opening session. With applause greeted the Nebraskan, Wm. Bourke Cockran listened intently and joined frequently in the applause. Mr. Bryan spoke in part as follows:

"Within two years more trusts have been organized than in the previous history of the country and the people now come face to face with this question: 'Is the trust a blessing or a curse? If a curse, what remedy can be applied to the cure?'

"Monopoly in private hands is indefensible from any standpoint and intolerable. I do not divide monopolies. There can be no good monopoly in private hands until the Almighty sends us angels to preside over us.

"There may be a despot who is better than another despot, but there is no good despotism. The defense of the monopoly is always placed on the ground that if you will allow people to control the market and fix the price they will be good to the people who buy every article of the market. The entire defense of the trusts rests upon a money argument. If the trusts will sell an article for a dollar less than the article will cost under other conditions, then in the opinion of some that proves a trust to be a good thing. In the first place I deny that under a monopoly the price will be reduced. In the second place, if under a monopoly the price is reduced, the objections to a monopoly from other standpoints far outweigh the financial advantage that the trust would bring. But I protest against settling every question upon the dollar argument.

"In the early years of Lincoln's administration he sent a message to Congress, warning his countrymen against the approach of monarchy. He said he saw in the attempt to put capital upon equal footing with labor, or above labor in the structure of government, the approach of monarchy. Lincoln was right. Whenever you put capital upon an equal footing with labor, or above labor in the structure of government, you are on the road to aid a government that rests not on reason, but on force.

"Nothing is more important than that we should, in the beginning, rightly understand the relation between money and man.

"Man is the creature of God and money is the servant of man, and I protest against all theories that enthrone money and debase mankind.

"If you will go about the country you will see where people have subscribed money to establish enterprises, and where those enterprises, having come under the control of the trusts have been closed up and stand now as silent monuments to the Sodom of the trust system. In any case of local distress, during the great annual fair, the North Carolina has lately been publishing detailed accounts of the manner in which this business is carried on in Russia. The trade has developed to a great extent in the past few years throughout Western Europe, but the town of Jassy is its center.

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THE ANTI-TRUST CONVENTION

Bourke Cockran Leads the New York Delegation.

CHICAGO MEETING OPENED.

Not Half the Delegates Appointed From the Several States Show Up—Strong Convictions Manifested.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—The conference on the uses and abuses of trusts and combinations began Thursday, with less than half the delegates appointed by the various States in attendance. New York, headed by Wm. Bourke Cockran and Wisconsin, were most numerous. The meeting took place in Central Music Hall, and was called to order at 10:30 by Franklin H. Head, the temporary chairman appointed by the civic federation on whose call the conference was arranged. The delegates listened to an address of welcome by Attorney General Aiken, of Illinois, representing Governor Tanner, who was prevented from appearing in person, by reason of business affairs. Mr. Aiken was followed by Dr. Taylor who welcomed the delegation on behalf of Mayor Harrison. With the progress of the speaking, it became evident that many of the delegations had come with firm convictions for or against trade combinations. The speech of Mr. Wooten, of Texas, delivered during the afternoon, in which he hammered the trusts in a merciless manner, aroused the wildest enthusiasm in the ranks of the labor representatives and the delegations from many Western and Southern States, while Easterners generally smiled critically and kept their arms folded. The attempt to round the somewhat shapless mass of delegates into working form resulted in considerable disorder. It was resolved, finally, that the Civic Federation, through its chairman, Mr. Head, should conduct the meeting, and that a committee on program consisting of one man from each State delegation and one from each organization, national in its scope, should be appointed. Local organizations in attendance were given a voice in the committee by being allowed to vote on the committees which the delegation from their States. The labor organizations did not secure recognition until vigorous speeches had been made by August Gans, representing the Knights of Labor, and John W. Hayes, also a Knight of Labor, delegate.

The non-attendance of many delegates was not unexpected and Secretary Aiken announced that probably a hundred of the tardy ones, including Governor Pingree, of Michigan, would be present at succeeding sessions. Among those present were: Wm. Bourke Cockran, Attorney General of Wisconsin; Attorney General Sawyer, of Nebraska; Wm. J. Bryan, who was absent but it is believed he will appear later in the conference.

Chairman Head delivered an address in explanation of the call for the conference. Prof. Jenks followed with a paper under the caption, "Problems Before the Conference."

After the session opened with a paper by Prof. Adams on the same subject as his predecessor, Mr. Jenks. These addresses were received attentively, but it remained for Dudley Woodson, of the Texas delegation, to stir up the enthusiasm of the entire meeting. He was frequently interrupted by cheering.

Brides Worth Having.

It costs only \$100 for a license to marry in a Choctaw Indian woman, and on September 10 all white men who were married with the tribe were entitled to 200 acres of ground. The withdrawal of the date mentioned of this premium in matrimony caused a great risk of white men for Choctaw brides last week, and none were too poor to raise money for the license.

Will Kruger Back Down?

London, by Cable.—A representative of the Associated Press has learned that the British message to the Transvaal does not demand a reply in 48 hours, the exact wording being a request for "an immediate reply." The message is not an ultimatum in the general sense of the word. It expresses the hope that President Kruger will accept the proposition to "believe the present tension." The only part which is at all aggressive, is the reiterated declaration of the British government to discuss the matter of sovereignty in any shape or form.

Two Americans in Trouble.

Making by Cable.—Mr. MacArthur, who was recently arrested at Zeerust, in the Transvaal as a spy, and sentenced to a year's imprisonment, claims to be an American citizen. The United States consul at Kimberley is investigating the matter. Mr. Ellis, his former companion, on being discovered at a Boer meeting, in Lady Smith, was tarred and feathered.

Whence Came the Japanese.

The people of Japan have shown such adaptability to European ideas that particular interest attaches to the conclusion of a writer in the "Transactions" of the Japan Society that the ancestors of the present inhabitants of Japan built the sepulchral chambers called dolmens in that country. No similar dolmens are found anywhere in Asia until the search comes westward to the shores of the Caspian sea, "and for more closely allied forms it is necessary to go yet farther to Western Europe." It is shown that the original inhabitants of Japan, the Ainu, were driven out by invaders from whom the present inhabitants are descended.

Behavior is a mirror in which every

one displays his image.

STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Up day Breaks all Records from Point of Attendance.

BILL ARP ON DIVORCES.

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Who are the marriageable girls going to marry? This generation cannot judge the future by the past, for the past does not interest them. The present is their chief concern. Only the old people who married half a century ago can appreciate the contrast between now and then and the change for the worse is alarming. The marriage relation has lost much of its attractiveness, its solemnity, its dignity, and consequently, separations and divorces have increased far more rapidly than population. During the past twenty years population has increased 60 per cent, while divorces have increased 167 per cent. What a record of broken vows and conjugal misery. Dr. Landrum, the eminent Baptist preacher of Atlanta, said in a recent sermon, "Our homes are in peril. The foundations of society are threatened. Marriage is too often a mockery. Divorces are rapidly multiplying in our courts and domestic depravity grows apace."

Negro Girl Killed in Salisbury.

Ada Bennett, a colored girl of about 17 years of age, was shot and instantly killed at Salisbury Saturday night by a negro named John Parrow, who drives for Mr. W. C. Newman, Farrow and the girl met near the corner of Branks and Lane streets. They engaged in conversation, and passed by head of the girl's father to change some money for her. He took the money about a quarter and started off. She called him and said to him: "You don't mean to take my money." He came back and said: "Hush. Did you say anything to me?" Just as he said the words there was the report of a pistol, and the girl fell to the ground. A number of persons were passing, all of whom rushed to the spot where the girl fell. Dr. J. W. Long was of the number. The girl breathed for a few minutes but life was practically extinct from the moment the ball struck her. It having passed through her heart, Farrow ran as soon as he did the shooting, but returned with one of the Messrs. Newman. He said the shooting was accidental; that he was flourishing the pistol as a bluff, when it went off. The man was arrested and placed in jail.

Key and Company Compromised.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Special.—Captain R. B. Glenn, who returned from Washington city Saturday morning, says that a compromise was effected Friday in the case of Key & Co., the rectifying distillery firm of Statesville, whose plant was recently seized by revenue officers. The company offered to pay the government \$2,400 for exemption from prosecution for alleged irregularities. Collector Harkins recommended that this offer be accepted and Captain Glenn succeeded in getting an order issued releasing Key & Co.'s property.

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The vote on the proposition to levy a tax to build a new court house in Alexander county last Thursday was a failure, only 488 votes out of 1,769 were cast for the tax and 34 against it. To become a law it would have been necessary for a majority of the registered voters to be cast for the affirmative.

Never in the history of Cherokee

county has there been such an interest in minerals as at the present time. Gold, iron, marble and talc properties are being worked. There is an unprecedented demand for the talc which is there in abundance.

The grading on the South Carolina and Georgia extension railroad from Marion, N. C., to Johnson City, Tenn., will begin in about ten days. Hands are being employed. It is thought that this movement will induce the Seaboard to consider more seriously extending its line from Rutherfordton to Asheville.

James Ta is Politics.

London, by Cable.—Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has arrived here from the continent. He denies that he intends to resign the chairmanship on account of ill health. He says the best physicians assure him that he has no heart trouble and that his condition is due to his nerves. He declares that he has almost recovered and will soon start home. Referring to the political situation, he said that the Democrats must take positive grounds against imperialism and trusts.

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