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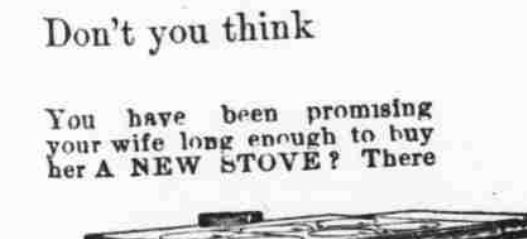
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HOUSTON AND HIS DEAD.

WHY HE IS EXTERMINATING THE JENNINGS FAMILY.

Judge Jennings, Whom He Killed Last Week, His Second Victim, and Still More Probably to Come.

New York Sun.

For the second time in his life "Senator" Temple Houston, son of the famous Gen. Sam Houston, first President of the republic of Texas, will be put on trial for his life out in Oklahoma.

Two men have fallen before his pistol. The first was Ed Jennings, son of Judge Jennings, of Oklahoma. He fell in what the West calls a fair fight, and Houston was triumphantly acquitted. That was in the spring. Last week Houston shot and killed Judge Jennings, the father of the first victim. Jennings had no chance for his life as the other pressed the revolver against his breast before firing. Houston gave himself up.

In Oklahoma, when a man develops a habit of shooting at his fellow men, it may mean one of two things—either that he is a desperado and a murderer at heart or that he has made it his practice to oppose instead of opposing who are. Temple Houston's reputation was that of a man who never sought a quarrel and never shirked a fight. He was such a character as is seldom found nowadays, except in dime novels or on the borders of civilization. The exigencies of a new country development brings out such characters, and they are invariably heroes to their friends and acquaintances. It is claimed to distinction in Oklahoma to be able to say truly that Houston is your friend. The Hon. Edgar Jones, of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, once wrote this of him:

"Temple is one of the grandest personalities in the Western country. He is as proud in law as a Bacon, as polished as a Chesterfield, and as brave as a Davy Crockett."

In a country where the titles are prevalent it would be strange if such a man did not bear one. His admiring fellow-citizens long ago bestowed upon him the title of "Senator," probably because he never has been a Senator, nor tried to be one, and through all that part of the country he is universally greeted as Senator Houston. Physically he is well qualified for heroic roles, for he towers above a six-foot man. He is forty years old, but doesn't look it. One of his striking characteristics is his reddish brown hair, which hangs in long wavy curls almost to his shoulders, putting out in glorious luxuriance from beneath the wide sombrero which he always wears. But for one eccentricity he would be regarded near in his attire. He will not wear suspenders, and a peculiarity which once drew from an Oklahoma belle this appealing comment:

"Senator Houston, I wish you'd tell me what makes you wear your pants so negligé."

Had the speaker been a man, it would have been dire, to whom the Senator was always the pink of courtesy. An instance of this courtesy, and also of the influence which he wielded, is shown by the following episode: Into a crowded railroad car in which Houston sat came two elderly women, neither of whom were of attractive personality. There was no vacant seat in the car. Immediately upon seeing them, the Senator jumped up, and with a low bow begged that one of them give him the honor to accept his place. Nobody followed his example. The gigantic chasterfield looked around him with a saddened face. Then he said, plaintively, in his suave tones, so gentle as to be almost a whisper:

"Gentlemen, is nobody going to give this lady a seat?"

If every cushion had been full of pins, the men in that car couldn't have risen more swiftly. The standing woman grasped with surprise, fell into the nearest seat, and attempted to thank her benefactor.

"Don't mention it, madam," said he, "your thanks are not owing to me, but to these gentlemen. I tell you with great emphasis, that no Oklahoma gentleman would keep his seat while a lady was standing."

But for his own insistence Houston would not have been brought to trial for killing Ed Jennings. No body wanted to try him, but he demanded that he be tried. The circumstances of the killing were these: Ed Jennings, who came of a family celebrated for courage and ability to use a gun, opposed Houston in a law suit at Woodward, Okla., in the course of which hot words were exchanged between the lawyers. That night Houston was the Cabinet saloon with his friend, Jack Love, the sheriff of the county. Ed Jennings, with his brother John, entered the place, and the quarrel between them renewed. The quarrel became a fight. All four drew revolvers, and at the first fire Ed Jennings fell dead. At the other end of the saloon John Jennings and Jack Love had fired at each other but neither shot took effect. On seeing his brother fall, Jennings turned away from him down easily had he wished, and letting his weapon fall to his side, cried out to Houston:

"You damned coward! You've done your work now."

The theatrical quality of Houston's courage asserted itself. Throwing down his revolver, he tore his shirt open and advanced upon the brother of the man he had just killed.

"Edward am I?" he cried, "No man can call me that. Shoot and shoot straight."

Amazed the other stood hesitating. "Shoot, I tell you," shouted Houston. "I killed your brother. Shoot!"

Slowly Jennings raised his pistol but before the muzzle had come to a level with Houston's heart, there was a flash from Love's revolver and Jennings' arm fell, the bones of the wrist shattered by the bullet. A second shot from the sheriff put him out of the door and he escaped. When the lamp was relighted it showed Houston kneeling over the body of the man he had killed, with his face bowed in his hands. He and Love were tried together, and acquitted in ten minutes. Since that time there has been a feud between Houston and the Jennings family. Everybody knows that sooner or later it would become a question whether Houston would kill the Jenningses or they would kill him.

No overt act was committed after the fight in Cabinet saloon such as to precipitate a shooting affair until last Monday. On that day, it was said, Judge Jennings, going up town in Woodward to his home, met Temple Houston's little son coming from school. The boy said something to him, and Judge Jennings spat in his face. This meant that Houston or Judge Jennings, or both would probably be killed when they met. On hearing of the occurrence, Houston took his revolver and went out to find the judge. They met in the same saloon where Houston had killed Ed Jennings. The judge was standing at the bar when his enemy came in. Not a word was spoken on either side. Houston was beside Jennings in three steps, pressed his revolver against his breast, and fired.

"I'm a dead man," he said, and in five minutes he was.

Houston went out to look for an officer. When he gave himself up he merely remarked:

"It was my life or his."

It is universally believed in Woodward that if Houston be acquitted he will have to kill John Jennings also, or be killed by him. Many of his friends say that he will be acquitted. They say that young Houston's face was practically a notice to the boy's father that he would shoot to kill at their next meeting, and the belief is general that Judge Jennings would have shot Houston had he had time. Some witnesses say that he had already gripped his revolver when his adversary fired, Houston will probably be tried in the same court and prosecuted by the same attorneys as in his trial for the murder of John Jennings.

Hundreds of persons from all over the country who were at the Chicago Popercat convention last July will remember Temple Houston as a strikingly picturesque personage, even in that collection of freaks. His height and bearing made him noticed, but he would have been conspicuous apart from his physical advantages, because of the wild ferocity with which he whooped for his silver cause. He was the head of the delegation from Oklahoma, having been elected delegate by the largest majority given to any delegate, one week after being acquitted of the charge of murdering John Jennings. He had served the cause of free silver on the stump during several campaigns. It is said his friends labored with him to prevent his wearing his revolver in his belt at the convention, and persuaded him only after repeated assurance that there would be no shooting, in view of his experience at Oklahoma conventions it is not to be wondered at one time he felt doubtful. The last Democratic convention of the territory was one long succession of riots, despite the efforts of Jack Love, who was sergeant-at-arms. Knives and revolvers were drawn at one time, and it was only Houston's influence that prevented the fight. Jumping up on his chair he reached back toward his hip pocket and hissed in a penetrating whisper:

"Gentlemen, don't I sit down!"

While wandering about Chicago Houston was an object of curiosity mingled with admiration. A rumor spread among the streeturchins that Buffalo Bill had bleached his hair and taken up a residence in Chicago, and crowds of the gamins would follow him about, respectfully entreating him to produce a gun and shoot the insulators off the telegraph poles. To the women he was a constant delight. His magnificent physique, his handsome face surrounded by his long curls, his remarkably small feet, his hands, on one of which he wore a glove (the one of which course, as no Oklahoma gentleman would make a practice of gloving his pistol hand), excited their keenest admiration, to his great distress, for he has not a spark of vanity, and detests being noticed on the street.

This being so, his visit in Chicago was not a pleasant one. Kodak men used to lie in wait for him, and snap at him when he came out of his hotel. He afterward confided to a friend that the greatest effort at self-control of his life was to keep from drawing a gun and returning the fire of the cameras. One particularly persistent man he did not notice, but only in the mildest manner.

"I wish you'd point that thing the other way," he said in gentle tones. "First thing you know, it will go off and hurt somebody."

"Why, I'm going to take your picture," said the man in some surprise.

"I've never had a picture taken in

my life," said the Oklahoma giant, "and I'm getting too old to begin."

The click of the slide punctuated the sentence.

Sensor Houston looked at the man for a minute very hard, took a step toward him, then stopped, and shook his head sadly.

"No, I suppose it wouldn't do," he murmured to himself.

"Young men," said a bystander who knew Houston, to the camera fiend, "you and your picture box have just had the narrowest escape on record."

What Houston told the man is true. He has never had a photograph taken. The picture reproduced here was drawn by an artist at the Chicago convention. When he ran for Congress some years ago, Houston's friends made a determined effort to get a photograph from which to make a print of him, and knowing his prejudices on the subject, even went so far as to secure a photographer in the parlor. Unluckily for them the Senator found out the plot. He left town, and didn't come back for five days.

William Jennings Bryan.

Augusta Chronicle.

Had William J. Bryan been successful in Tuesday's election, the newspaper writers of the country would vie with each other today in the employment of complimentary phrases to eulogize the man and eulogize his glorious victory. With the Chronicle the defeat of Mr. Bryan makes no difference in our estimate of the man. Mr. Bryan is as high in our esteem today, as a defeated candidate, as he would have been had victory perched upon his standard.

Through in the midst of defeated follows and blasted hopes, Mr. Bryan stands today head and shoulders above his fellow, a mighty man, whose name is a word of power and glory, and a workman who needs no words to be ashamed. He has fought a good fight, and he has kept faith with the people. There are none, either friends or foes, who can charge upon him responsibility for Democratic defeat. His campaign has been a marvel of personal force. He has carried hope and enthusiasm into ranks which were hopeless at the time of his nomination and dread and consternation into the cohorts of his opponents.

Through the course of the campaign, through the bitter and bitter opposition he was gone unscathed, with his sincerity unquestioned and his honor unimpaired. Had he been victorious, he would have gone into the White House with a following of in use loyalty, and now that defeat has returned him to private life, he carries with him the admiration, the respect and the confidence of millions of his fellow citizens.

When Mr. Cleveland first promulgated his tariff reform message it resulted in his overthrow, but when the tariff came to the front as the controlling issue four years later the people looked upon Mr. Cleveland as the logical candidate and he was nominated and elected by a tidal wave of popular enthusiasm.

If the Republican party shall fail to meet the demands of the people's and the business interests of the country, in reforming our financial conditions and correcting the evils in our currency system and four years hence the Democratic reform message there can be but little doubt that the masses will return to Bryan as their logical leader, and he will go into the White House upon the crest of a tremendous wave of popular enthusiasm—a wave which enthusiastic followers vainly hoped had culminated in this election.

We believe that no candidate ever passed through so bitter a campaign so absolutely unshaken as William J. Bryan, and men of all parties and all shades of opinions, will endorse the following graceful and well merited tribute from the Washington Post:

We think it proper to say of Mr. Bryan personally, however, that there need be nothing of humiliation or distress to him in the contemplation of his defeat. He has borne himself with courage and devotion from the beginning to the end of the campaign. He has exhibited such qualities of endurance, such unflinching faith in himself and in his mission, such a glow over men such gifts of eloquence and magnetism, such a truly beautiful and without parallel in the history of American politics. He takes us back eight hundred years to the days of Peter the Hermit, who, with his fiery appeal to passion and to shame, to indignation and to pity, to valor and to civility, turned all Christendom to tears and groans and set in motion those de Bellow, Hugh of Flanders, Bobemond and Tancred, marched through Paimon blood until they gained upon the spies an immense glow over the domes of Jerusalem, the Holy City. He has swayed multitudes as no political orator ever did before. He has moved men and women to sorrow and rejoicing, to hope and fear, to such exaltation as seemed beyond the experience of humanity in these days. That he was earnest, sincere, beyond the thought of selfishness and sordid appetite, we verily believe. Deluded, mistaken, blinded he may have been, but honest, fearless, ardent as the day. He will bear defeat without dishonor, for, as we judge the man, he has never for one moment harbored a base hope or entertained an unworthy or ignoble purpose.

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The Next Congress.

Much interest now attaches to the probable composition of the next House and Senate. The Republicans will, it appears, after March 4, 1897 according to some estimates, have in the Senate 44 votes, or almost enough, with the Vice President's help to control that body. With the help of sound money Democratic Senators the gold standard man will have a majority of the 90 Senators constituting the upper House for non-partisan measures in the public interest. Last Tuesday's elections produced gains and losses, but a net gain of six or seven seems to be assured to the dominant party. In one or two States the figures are subject, perhaps, to change when returns are fully obtained, but the outlook promises to be permanent suppression of the free coinage majority which has so long dominated the Senate.

The opposition to the republican Senators will consist, it seems, of about thirty silver democrats, four sound money democrats, five silverites pure and simple, and six populists. Scould the Legislatures of North Carolina and South Dakota turn out to be pro-republican, it will be added to the opposition, and it would have a majority. Five of the 44 Senators credited to the republican column—Carter, Clark Shoup, Warren and Wolcott—have hitherto voted for free coinage, but some of them are expected to be influenced by the verdict of the polls. On the other hand, in addition to the four democrats classed as gold democrats, there are five Bryanites—Gorman, Murphy, Mills, Martin and Mitchell—who have in the past voted against free coinage as the issue of free coinage is now closed upon it, it is perhaps not too much to say that there will be in the Senate at its next session an absolute majority—consisting of 40 republicans and eight or nine democrats—against any further tinkering with silver. The estimate is a moderate one, taking no account of the effect of the election on out and out silver republicans and silver democrats. As some silver Senators have notoriously been influenced to vote against their own party, it is not unreasonable to expect a number of them now to declare their true views and come over to the winning side.

Fifty eight Senators hold over after March 3 next, as follows: Republicans, 28; Bryanite democrats, 20; sound money democrats, 4; silverites pure and simple, 3; populists, 3. Thirty two vacancies are to be filled. Republicans have already been chosen to succeed republicans in Iowa and Vermont and seats have gained in Ohio and Maryland, Brice and Gibson having been displaced. Democratic senators have been chosen in Louisiana and Mississippi to succeed democrats. There is now a republican majority of two in the Kentucky Legislature, which will elect a republican successor to Senator Blackburn. In Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Missouri and South Carolina. There will possibly be a democratic gain in Delaware and another in Washington in California, Connecticut, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Oregon republican Senators will be chosen to succeed republican Republican senators will be gained in New York, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, displacing Hill, Voorhees, Palmer and Vicksburg. Colorado will send back Teller and Idaho send back well send respectively a populist and a silver republican. North Carolina is expected to return a republican and South Dakota will perhaps, replace a populist with a republican. Upon the whole, the Senate promises to be, after March 3 next, a more business like body in recent years, with the silver interest in the minority. As respects the tariff, it is doubtful whether a stiffly "Protective" character could command a majority.

The composition of the House of Representatives cannot yet be definitely stated, but it will contain a very decided majority for the maintenance of the gold standard. The Republicans class its membership as follows: Republicans 222; Democrats, 119; Populists and silverites, 16. A more temperate estimate gives the Republicans 200 seats, with some 22 in doubt. Including the sound money Democrats, the vote against the debate will probably be passed without difficulty, and in view of the recent bill for currency reform would be likely to receive serious attention.

Locomotive Garlanded.

Baltimore Sun, 5th.

On the Pope's Creek division of the Pennsylvania railroad two locomotives were garlanded with oriole colors and each had two brooms on the cowcatcher, indicative of the sweep the railroad repair men about Bowie wore hat ribbons as sashes of the same colors.

The Discoverer Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Calhoun, druggist, Beaversville, Ill. says: "Dr. King's New Discovery low my life. Was taken with Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery for a store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep stores or houses without it." Get a free trial at Burwell & Duane Co's drug store.

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An Old Cotton Bale.

Perhaps the oldest bale of cotton in the world was purchased last Wednesday by Mr. Allen Fleming of Fleming & Foster's Compress Company.

The cotton was grown in Laurens County, S. C., 1834 by an old man by the name of Watts.

The cotton though old was snowy white and not the least tinged with yellow. It was a curiosity to the cotton men of today and attracted considerable attention. The bale was of usual size and was packed in a coarse home-made cloth woven from old rags into a sheet. The ties which held the bale together were made from grape vines and were as hard and taut as raw hide thongs.

The cotton has been in the family ever since it was made, dumped from the cotton press into the yard. It was then taken into the old barn where it has been safely sheltered for more than 60 years.

Mr. Watts, though fairly a rich planter, refused to sell the cotton at any price.

Old man Watts after his crop of cotton was ginned and baled in 1834, will be added to the collection, and it would have a majority. Five of the 44 Senators credited to the republican column—Carter, Clark Shoup, Warren and Wolcott—have hitherto voted for free coinage, but some of them are expected to be influenced by the verdict of the polls. On the other hand, in addition to the four democrats classed as gold democrats, there are five Bryanites—Gorman, Murphy, Mills, Martin and Mitchell—who have in the past voted against free coinage as the issue of free coinage is now closed upon it, it is perhaps not too much to say that there will be in the Senate at its next session an absolute majority—consisting of 40 republicans and eight or nine democrats—against any further tinkering with silver. The estimate is a moderate one, taking no account of the effect of the election on out and out silver republicans and silver democrats. As some silver Senators have notoriously been influenced to vote against their own party, it is not unreasonable to expect a number of them now to declare their true views and come over to the winning side.

Miss Watts recently died in testate and when the final winding up of her estate was made the cotton was put on the market and was sold.

Alleged Ignorance of the Bible.

The Watchman, a religious newspaper published in Boston, is impressed with and grieved by the belief that the people of the United States are becoming less and less familiar with the holy Scriptures. It declares that a generation is growing up in the Sunday schools that is practically unacquainted with the Bible. Literary men of the highest standing, the Watchman says, deplore the popular ignorance of the Scriptures, and well they may if the prevalence of such ignorance is justified by the facts of the situation; for it is regrettable on literary and educational as well as on religious and moral grounds. No person can be regarded as educated or as proficient in literature of history who has not made himself familiar with the Old and New Testaments. Even though one is not, and is unlikely to become religious, in the strict sense of the word, he cannot afford to be ignorant of writings that have been one of the chief factors in human history.

The Watchman reports that preachers say they can no longer Biblical allusions in their sermons will be understood by members of their congregations who have spent ten years or more in the Sunday school. It strikes us that this is an arraignment of the Sunday schools that these church-going persons have attended. The great object of such schools cannot and many homes do not furnish for it is the Bible, and it is not alone the non-religious, the free thinker, the irreligious, but also the thinker, the person who is destitute of knowledge of Holy Writ. It asserts that the religious press teams with complaints that Christian people do not know their Bibles; that the daily papers, during the last two or three years, have repeatedly emphasized the unfamiliarity of the people with the Scriptures, and that educational institutions have found it necessary to make special provision for acquainting their pupils with the Bible, and that at least a approach to an education that is unfamiliar with the Bible. Finally, the Watchman suggests that if any one doubts the extent of popular ignorance of the Bible among the young people, even of Christian families, he should test an average class of boys or girls, and a few questions will convince the most skeptical.

It is true that the Sunday schools are no more efficient than this religious organ represents them? It is true that these schools turn out their scholars after a long and tedious, utterly unlearned in the Scriptures? Is it probable—is it believable—that the millions of young people in the Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, and kindred organizations are unacquainted with the story of Christ and the history of the race from which he sprang? We are inclined to take a

more optimistic view of the subject than that of the Watchman. Notwithstanding the great annual increase of new books and other reading matter, we do not learn that there is any falling off in the publication and sale of the Bible. It may be that there is less study of the book than there was before reading matter became cheap and abundant, but so long as the sale of Bibles maintains the old-time ratio as to population, we shall not be able to believe that they are not read.

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