

2ND ISSUES AND POLITICS.

Senator Faulkner confident that the White Men Will Win the Fight in November.

Democrats observe with gratification the fact that eastern bankers are restoring the gold reserve and obviating the necessity of a bond issue," said Senator Faulkner, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, to a Star reporter today, "but at the same time they are asking the question why such action was not taken upon former occasions when a crisis occurred, and past issues thus prevented. They realize the fact that the eastern bankers are coming nobly to the rescue of the treasury, but it is from a consciousness that if they did not and another bond issue should be necessary Mr. Bryan would be placed in the White House without the slightest effort and by a crushing majority."

"In this connection they also ask the question, will these bankers come to the rescue of the treasury again if Mr. Bryan is not elected? The answer that suggests itself is, they probably will not."

"The fact of the matter is," continued Senator Faulkner, "the question of bond issues by the government in time of peace is having more force in this campaign than anything else. The people are aroused upon that subject. The financial question is to be the issue between the two parties. It is no use to try to dodge this fact, and any man proposing to talk in the campaign, whether upon the stump or in committee work, who takes the tariff as his subject will not receive an audience. The people want to talk about money, they want to hear about it, and those who have not already made up their minds upon the subject desire to be instructed. Ex-President Harrison realized this fact when he said in his communication a few days ago that the tariff was on the side track."

"The Democratic party has not made the issue between aggregate wealth, corporate influence and the masses of the people. That issue has been made by thirty years of legislation in the interests of capital and wealth and corporate influence, which is controlled by wealth. Neither should it be said that the Democratic party is arrayed against wealth and capital. It only takes the position that wealth and capital should be placed upon the same plane as the interests of the people, and should share with them without advantage or without prejudice the benefits of legislation."

Senator Faulkner, as chairman of the congressional committee, continues to receive great quantities of applications from the eastern States for free silver literature. He says the free silver sentiment is sweeping through the laboring classes in the east like a prairie fire. Up to this time the congressional committee has confined itself to sending out documents, campaign literature to interested applicants. In a few days, however, the committee will take up the task of supplying the State central committee with literature in bulk. Orders are now being placed with the printers for this class of matter, and the committee will commence in a short time distributing—Washington Star.

Watson at Wentworth.

Hom. C. B. Watson addressed the people of Rockingham at Wentworth yesterday afternoon.

That his hearers were interested is attested by the fact that numbers, unable to get seats, stood up during the entire time, scarcely moving during the whole speech.

He was cheered to the echo and left a fine impression upon the people.

A gentleman from that country tells the Record that Rockingham will be as good as her word given here at the Congressional Convention, and will roll up her accustomed Democratic majority of years ago—from 1,000 to 1,200.

All differences have been adjusted, all sores healed and all Democrats are pulling together.—Greensboro Record.

Loss of Life by the Storm.

PITTSBURG, July 29.—Tales of death and devastation from the storm of last Monday continue to pour in. Four more drownings are reported at Sugar Grove encampment. This makes the total loss of life nearly fifteen, while deaths are being reported from the surrounding country in every direction. In West Virginia railway traffic is suspended and wires are all down.

The Tariff Issue Sidetracked.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Every day's report at the headquarters of the Republican congressional committee, shows that the predominance of the currency issue in this campaign is not abating. Not only are there few calls for tariff literature, but in several instances sagacious party leaders specifically requested that no tariff material be put into their states.

A prominent Member of the G. O. P. Declares for Democracy's Nominee.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., July 28.—The defection from the ranks of the Republicans of this county to Bryan and Sewall on account of the gold standard plank of the Republican platform offsets fully the loss to the Democrats by bolting gold men. Among the names secured of the deserting Republicans are those of men who have always taken an active interest in party affairs, some even now holding office, and all are men of prominence and ability. Local Republican managers are alarmed over the size and influence of this defection, but arguments are in vain, and the bolters will be found warmly supporting Bryan and Sewall, at the November election.

Secretary J. J. Thompson, of the Democratic County Central Committee, claims to have the names of several hundred Republicans who are out for free silver, many of whom have agreed to join the Bryan club now in process of formation. These clubs are being formed in every town ship of the county, and the farming and laboring element are rallying to the standard of Bryan and free silver in large numbers. The leaders of the local Democracy are preparing for a rousing campaign, and the enthusiasm prevalent all over Central Illinois is highly encouraging.

Texas and Arkansas United.

TEXARKANA, Ark., July 26.—The greatest political demonstration in the history of this section took place in this city last night, the occasion being a joint ratification meeting of Bryan and Sewall by the Democrats of Miller county, Arkansas, and Bowie county, Texas. The procession, which paraded all the principal streets with bands, transparencies and banners, aroused to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Nearly 1,000 torches were in line. The speaker's stand was erected on the State line. Congressman McKee of Arkansas, Paul Jones and Minor Wallace of Texarkana and others addressed the multitude of enthusiastic Democrats in ringing and eloquent tones in favor of the Chicago ticket and platform. It is estimated that fully 10,000 persons were present, hundreds of whom came from the country and adjoining towns. Congressman David B. Culbertson was expected to address the meeting but was unable to attend because of sickness in the family. He sent an eloquent letter, however, which was read from the platform and brought out uproarious applause.

After Sound Money Democrats.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 28.—The Republican managers of this State think they see a good opportunity to catch a good many sound money Democratic votes for McKinley if they replace the two negroes now on the Republican electoral ticket with white men. This has just been done in Georgia and it is said that National Chairman Mark Hanna will be called upon at once to arrange for the change in Alabama. It is said further that the negro electors are ready to do the bidding of their leaders.

The change is expected to occur immediately after the August State election. The result of the Populist Convention at St. Louis meanwhile has served to prevent a fusion of the Populists and Republicans on an electoral ticket in this State, hence Republican managers have begun to turn their attention in the direction of the sound money Democrats whose votes they will make every effort to capture.

University of Virginia Law Students Congratulate Bryan.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 28.—Immediately after Mr. Bryan had been nominated at Chicago, the summer law class at the University telegraphed their congratulations as follows:

"As a body of young men to a young man, as a class of young lawyers to a young lawyer, the summer law class of the University of Virginia, 90 strong, send you their most hearty congratulations."

Today the following reply was received from Mr. Bryan:

"John McNally and others: 'I thank you for your good wishes, so kindly expressed. I trust that your connection with university, founded by Thos. Jefferson, may lead you to imitate the public virtues of the founder of Democracy in America. Yours truly,

W. J. BRYAN,
'Lincoln, Neb., July 26, 1796.'"

Will Support Bryan and Sewall.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, July 30.—Mr. J. W. Porter, a life-long Republican and prominent citizen of this county, in a column and a half letter in this evening's Progress, gives elaborate reasons for cordially supporting Bryan and Sewall. Mr. Porter has never voted anything else than a Republican ticket since the party was founded. He believes the Democratic ticket will be triumphantly elected.

SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

Trend of Grain Shipments Toward Southern Ports.

BALTIMORE, July 30.—The Manufacturer's Record reports that the most conspicuous feature in the business interests of the south at present is the remarkable activity in the shipment of grain from Kansas and other western States to gulf ports for exportation. Large contracts are being made for transportation, and western roads are reported in some cases as being short of sufficient rolling stock to meet the demand for grain bound to the gulf. At Charleston, S. C., a rice storage warehouse is to be turned into a grain elevator with a capacity of 200,000 bushels. This will enable Charleston to better compete for handling grain intended for export.

A \$10,000 company has been organized to build a knitting mill at Barnesville, Ga., and a \$10,000 knitting mill company has been organized at Union, S. C.

A Glasgow handle manufacturer will establish a plant in Alabama; the Oxley State company of Chattanooga will build two \$25,000 plants at other points; a \$50,000 company has been organized in New Orleans to make cotton picking machinery; 40 ton cotton mill will be built at Wadena, Miss., by a \$30,000 company just organized; Gastonia, N. C., will issue \$18,000 for water works; the Anderson Light and Power company of Anderson, S. C., will issue \$200,000 of bonds to develop 5,000 electric horse power for transmission of Anderson; Martin, Tenn., will construct \$18,000 water works; several hundred coke ovens are to be built at La Follette, Tenn., upon the completion early in October of a 15 mile railroad now under construction and a \$50,000 electric light and power company has been incorporated.

Bryan to Accept on August 12.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 29.—Upon receipt of intelligence from New York today that the hall at Madison Square Garden could be secured for that date, Mr. Bryan announced that he will receive the notification committee of the Democratic National convention there August 12. He was unable to say just when he will leave this city for the East, over what route he will make the trip, or how long he expects to be en route.

It is known that Mr. Bryan is preparing his speech of acceptance of the nomination. He expects to lay, in his New York speech, the ground work for the campaign, and it is believed that up to the date of its delivery, no man will learn from his lips just what he may be expected to do in relation to the Populist nomination. Possibly he may not even then declare himself, but it is believed that he will then give some intimation of his plans in relation to the Populist nomination. Further than the above announcement, there was nothing given out from the Bryan home today for publication.

Wouldn't Sign a Gold Note.

OSARK, Mo., July 28.—This locality was given an object lesson in the gold standard system of finance today which helped the silver cause about Ozark more than anything else could have done. Grant Estes, a leading farmer of the Hopewell settlement, four miles north of town, wished to borrow \$4,000, giving a mortgage on his home as security. Fred Birdshalle of Springfield, agent for an Eastern loan company came down to look at the farm. The property is very valuable and the agent said the money could be had if Mr. Estes would sign a gold note, and on no other terms would the loan be made. The farmer refused to take the money and is now more devoted to the free silver faith than ever. Some of the Republicans here claim that these gold-note men are only free silver agents in disguise and that the scheme is purely political, but the majority of the people think that the gold standard idea has already become dominant in business circles. Several votes have already been changed by the demand for gold obligation.

Cleveland's Proclamation.

President Cleveland yesterday issued a proclamation about civil disturbances and armed opposition to the authority of Spain, a power with which the United States are on terms of peace and amity and recounting the neutrality laws, he says: "I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby solemnly warn all citizens of the United States and all others within their jurisdiction against violations of said laws interpreted as hereinbefore explained, and give notice that all such violations will be vigorously prosecuted. And I do hereby invoke the co-operation of all good citizens in the enforcement of said laws, and in the detection and apprehension of any offenders against the same; and do hereby enjoin upon all the executive officers of the United States the utmost diligence in preventing prosecuting, and punishing any infractions thereof."

A Happy Coincidence.

The North Carolina Presbyterian of this week says:

"It is the province of the secular papers to keep the public advised of the details of military encampments and other gatherings, like and unlike, and they cannot be charged with remissness in the matter. We note merely general points and matters not in the ordinary run. The encampment of the Second regiment of the state guard at Wrightsville last week was exceptional in the gentlemanly conduct and the soldier like bearing of both officers and men. It was agreed that under the instruction of Lieutenant Edgar Jadin of the United States engineers detailed as instructor, never in the same space of time did the men receive more instruction and do more real soldier work, and yet the boys had a good time as their frolicsome moods off duty sufficiently attested."

Captain R. O. Grant, superintendent of the Seacoast road says the soldiers were the best behaved soldiers he ever saw. Not a drunken man was seen on the trains from first to last.

The visit of the confederate veterans of Cape Fear camp to the encampment, their introduction to Colonel Bruton and the incidents in general attending it have been duly recorded in the secular papers.

We must note especially the presentation of the veterans to Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. After the visit to the encampment the veterans marched to Wrightsville and were presented in a neat little speech by Rev. Dr. James Carmichael to Mrs. Jackson, who with her grandchild, was at the Atlantic View Hotel. After graceful acknowledgment by Mrs. Jackson, Dr. Preston, chaplain of the Horner's Nest rifle-men, and Mrs. Jackson's pastor very eloquently, on behalf of this lady, returned thanks for the demonstration. Many of the veterans were introduced to and shook hands with the wife of their old commander.

It was a happy coincidence that this presentation of the veterans should have occurred on the 21st of July. On the same day, just thirty-five years before at Manassas, General Bee to rally his troops who were wavering, cried out to them, "Look at Jackson! There he stands like a stone wall!" The effect was electric, the brigade rushed forward and in a few minutes the gallant Bee fell dead at the front. But the name Stonewall was stamped indelibly upon the commander and upon his brigade and thence for all time General Thomas J. Jackson is STONEWALL Jackson."

Judge Hughes Bolts McKinley.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 29.—Judge Robert W. Hughes in a two-column letter to the Free Lance of this city, in to-morrow's issue, gives elaborate reasons for cordially supporting Bryan and Sewall. He says party ties are dissolved by the logic of events. Judge Hughes has been a Republican since the war, is a native, and was appointed to his present judgeship by President Grant in 1874.

In the same paper Gen. Fitz Lee, writing from Havana, Cuba, under date of July 25, in reply to a letter asking his views as to the present political situation in the United States, says:

"Being in the midst of war in this country, I must keep out of war in another country."

Movement of the Populist Leaders.

St. Louis, July 29.—With the exception of ex-Chairman Taubeneck, all the Populist leaders have gone. Tomorrow the old headquarters will be permanently closed. A large quantity of documents and books have been sent to Washington to be used during the campaign. While the selection of Washington as the campaign headquarters is not definitely announced it will doubtless be located there. The executive committee is not yet announced. Secretary Edgerton left for his home in Nebraska and will go to Washington in a week or two. He will be joined by Senator Butler, of the executive committee.

Republicans Going to Bryan.

TUSCOLA, Ill., July 26.—The campaign in this section will be opened at Camargo, August 7, when Congressman Joseph G. Cannon will talk on the money question. A great many Republicans of this county are flocking to the free silver standard, and Mr. Cannon is sent here in hope of checking the stampede.

Forty-Two Dead—The Engineer to Blame.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. Y., July 31.—The details of the frightful accident near here last evening, when an express train on the Reading crashed into a West Jersey train, show the number of killed to be 42. Dead bodies are on all sides, and many of the injured are still near the scene. The blame still rests on the dead engineer.

Fifty in the Hospital.

St. Louis, July 31.—There are fifty victims of the heat yesterday in the various hospitals.

BID UP

In the early spring the farmers and gardeners clear old fence corners, briar patches, sassafras bushes, etc., the ground ready, for planting time will soon be here. This time of the year, preparing the ground for sowing—by the way, what is better than pork and turnips? is a fascinating business anyway; nearly always some do; will very soon begin to reap where they have sown; everybody seems happy. Good crops, plenty to eat, and now having a good time picnicing, laying around in the talking to the girls. Well, when they are happy and

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