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BRYAN TO LECTURE. DESPERATE SPAIN.

SUPT. V. E. MCBEE CONTRACTS TO PAY HIM \$50,000 A YEAR.

First Lecture to be Delivered in Atlanta in December.—All the Arrangements Have Been Completed.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 17.—It has been definitely arranged that Wm. J. Bryan is to take the lecture platform and his first address will be delivered at Atlanta, Ga., early in December. His route as it has been arranged will be after leaving Atlanta, Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Augusta, Birmingham and New Orleans. After leaving the latter place, Mr. Bryan will go through Texas, then on to California and Oregon and will not reach cities of the East before the latter part of February, 1897. The man behind the enterprise is V. E. McBee, of Norfolk, Va., the Superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line. On election night Mr. McBee, who had been a hard worker for Bryan, wired to this city offering Mr. Bryan a very large amount for a series of lectures in case the election should turn against him. No attention was paid to the matter at that time by Mr. Bryan, but after the defeat of the Democratic ticket, Mr. McBee once more renewed his offers, negotiations were begun and the result has been that Mr. Bryan has signed contracts for a series of lectures under the management of Alexander Comstock, who is the representative and associate of Mr. McBee in the enterprise. The terms of the agreement from a financial standpoint have not been made public, but it is reliably asserted that what Mr. Bryan will receive will exceed the salary he would have received as President.

Arrangements are already under way to have the delivery of Mr. Bryan's first lecture in Atlanta, made the occasion of a great demonstration which will be in the nature of a monster reception. The lectures to be delivered by Mr. Bryan will be non-partisan in their character and will for the most part be upon governmental and social topics as it is expressly stipulated in the contract that they shall be not of a political nature.

TO KEEP IT UP.

LEADING PARTIES TO HAVE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS.

Republicans, Democrats and Populists to Retain Central Organizations at the Nation's Capital.

By Telegraph to The News. WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—From the present outlook it seems that political agitation will not only not cease with the election, but will be kept up briskly for the next four years.

Chairman Mark Hanna, of the Republican national committee, announced a week ago that he intended to maintain the organization of his committee for the next four years, and that the committee would act as political advisers to the President, all the while using every means in its power to crush out what he terms "the free silver heresy."

Mr. Bryan's address, urging all silver clubs and other Democratic organizations to maintain their organization and keep up the fight, showed the temper of the Democrats. Today it is announced on the highest authority that the Republicans, Democrats and Populists will each establish permanent headquarters here, and will soon begin the contest for the control of the Congress to be elected in 1898, and for the election of the President in 1900.

Bryan's Carried South Dakota by 191.

By Telegraph to The News. ABERDEEN, South Dakota, Nov. 19.—The official canvass of the vote of this State was completed today. The plurality of the Bryan electors over the McKinley electors is one hundred and ninety-one.

Cold Wave Coming Tonight.

By Telegraph to The News. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The cold wave is moving rapidly toward the South and East. The weather department predicts a fall of thirty degrees for the Atlantic Coast tonight.

CRISIS AT HAND.

THE WAR IN CUBA TO BE DECIDED WITHIN A FEW WEEKS.

Strained Relations Between the United States and Spain—Our Navy Being Held in Readiness for Action.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Unusual activity prevails at present in the Brooklyn navy yard and all indications are that the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron are being placed on a war footing. Work is being hurried as fast as possible and several vessels are now ready for any emergency. Three significant facts are: 1. That the man have been working night and day during the past few weeks. 2. The unusual amount of ammunition placed on the boats. 3. The orders issued by the navy department to have several vessels ready within two weeks.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The situation in Cuba is at a crisis and those familiar with the condition of affairs in the island say the time is at hand when some definite action must be taken; that in eight weeks the war will be either ended, or one side or the other practically defeated. Meantime the relations between the United States and Spain are so strained one breath would start into flame the spark of war that has been smouldering for months. This tension is recognized by foreign powers. Already England has come forward, hoping to mediate between the two countries and bring about an amicable settlement.

THIS IS A "SECOND CROP" YEAR.

Cherries, Strawberries and Grapes "Come Again," and Cotton Makes an Attempt by Blooming.

THE TIMES sometime ago printed the fact that several farmers in the county were eating cherries of the second crop from their trees.

This seems to be a "second crop" year along with its other phenomenal qualities.

Cotton has in many places bloomed again since the larger part of the crop was picked out. A farmer living a few miles from Charlotte Friday brought to THE TIMES a double handful of cotton blooms he had gathered from the fields; he said in many places the fields were almost white with the blooms.

Saturday Mr. S. A. Cathcart, of Steel Creek township, bought a bunch or two of grapes, a second crop that has just ripened on his grape vines.

And Mr. George W. Caldwell, of 303 East Eleventh street, gave the NEWS today some very fine specimens of ripe strawberries the second crop he has had from his vines this year.

Trying to Keep Down War Talk.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The administration is doing everything possible to discountenance the war talk regarding Spain and the preparations of the war and navy department for contingencies arising, and is doing everything in its power to continue the present status quo. Gen. Lee has been cautioned not to talk about the situation.

Gold Democrats Will Not Enter Caucus.

By Telegraph to The News. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—It is the belief of a large number of prominent gold Democrats who have just arrived here that their separation from the silver wing of the party must continue. They say the two divisions of the party will not meet together in caucus at the coming session of Congress.

Cuban Farmers Must Move to Cities.

By Telegraph to The News. HAVANA, Nov. 18.—Weyler has ordered farmers, who have no funds and are barely able to produce a living on the their farms, to move to the cities, where famine threatens and even those with money are suffering.

Armenian Bishop Sentenced to Death.

By Telegraph to The News. CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 18.—The Turkish special tribunal has sentenced the Armenian Bishop at Hasekein to death because during the late riots a loaded revolver was found in his house.

CAMPAIGN CASH.

WHAT CANDIDATES PAID OUT IN THE CAMPAIGN.

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The election law, chapter 159, section 72, requires all candidates, including presidential electors, governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, attorney-general, auditor, members of congress, justices of the Supreme court, judges of the Superior court, judges of Criminal court, solicitors, members of the general assembly, county treasurer, register of deeds, coroner, sheriff, surveyor, township constable, county commissioners, justices of the peace, tax collectors, and all other officers voted for at this election, are to file before the 13th day of November, 1896, an itemized statement showing in detail all the monies contributed or expended by him directly or indirectly by himself or through any other person in the aid of his election. Such statement shall give the names of the various persons who used the money, the specific nature of each item, and the pose for which it was contributed. There shall be attached to such statement an affidavit sworn to by such candidates setting forth in substance that the statements in the paper are in all respects true, and that the same is a true and detailed statement of all monies so contributed or expended by him directly or indirectly either by himself or through any other person.

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ATHERTON LYCEUM BURNED.

Firemen Could Not Get Water to the Building.—Caught Fire Early This Morning.

The Atherton Lyceum, in Dilworth, near the Atherton Mills, was burned early Monday morning.

The building was built by the Atherton Co. for a general amusement hall for their employees; the upper floor was occupied by a hall and reading room and in the lower floor was the store of Vaughan & Co.

The building caught fire in the roof about three o'clock that morning. A policeman in the city saw the blaze and turned in the alarm. The fire engines responded.

But the building was nearly half a mile out of the city limits and it was impossible to lay so long a line of hose.

The building is a total loss. It was worth something over \$2,000, and is said to have been insured. The stock of Vaughan & Co. is also a total loss.

At the time of the fire Mrs. Chisolm was conducting a day school in the building. The company this morning promptly tendered her one of their vacant houses, and the school will continue without interruption.

The Presbyterians have also conducted a Sunday school in the building.

THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNKNOWN.

HAS HIS CAMPAIGN FAILED?

Report That Weyler Will at Once Return to Havana.

By Telegraph to The News. KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 19.—Passengers by the last steamer from Havana say that a report is current that Captain General Weyler will return to Havana immediately. Spanish merchants and others on Muralla street are very indignant over the report, for if Weyler returns to the city without winning a decisive victory over the Insurgents his campaign in the Island will have failed.

Weyler Asked to Resign.

By Telegraph to The News. HAVANA, Nov. 19.—It appears positively true that Captain General Weyler has been asked to resign because of the failure of his campaign against Maceo. General Prando will probably succeed him.

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SIMS PLEADS GUILTY.

To Robbing the Mails on the Pineville and Lancaster Route.

Thomas M. Sims, mail carrier on the star route between Pineville, N. C., and Lancaster, S. C., was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Maxwell Wednesday morning, charged with robbing the mails. He plead guilty, was bound over to court, and in default of \$500 bond, was sent to jail.

Post Office Inspector C. E. Dexter conducted the prosecution for the government.

Sims robbed the mails October 7, 1896, and secured five registered packages, containing about \$25 in money.

Miles' Spine Old Tune.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The Ordnance Board, headed by General Miles, favors continued preparations for coast defenses in anticipation of war, and in view of the serious aspect of European political affairs.

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