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WEATHER TODAY.

Rain.

MR. WILLIAM SULZER OF NEW YORK.

Congressman William Sulzer, of New York has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the Vice-Presidency on the ticket with Mr. Bryan.

That he is very bright the following from his speech delivered at the Anti-Trust Conference, Chicago, on Sunday night fully shows:

"The People who oppose and condemn trusts will receive no encouragement from this trust-ridden and trust-owned administration. The Republican Attorney General is the mere creature of the trusts, and will take no action against them.

"The Republican party in all its power stands fearlessly for trusts and is openly and boldly supported by trusts. Every trust in the country was for William McKinley for President in 1896, and every trust will zealously and loyally aid him in 1900. If you ask what for? I answer for value received.

"The Republican party is the party of plutocracy. It stands today for economic errors that rob the many for the benefit of the few—for financial heresies that centralize wealth and paralyze industrial freedom—for political policies that enslave the masses. The Republican party spurns the people, the Constitution, tramples on the rights of man, turns to the wall the picture of the great Emancipator, and laughs to scorn the Declaration of Independence.

"To sum it all up, the Republican party stands for Hanna and the Republican party is Hanna. What a difference between the party of Lincoln and the party of Hanna!

"The Democratic party is the party of the plain people. It is opposed to trusts and monopolies, to special privileges. It stands for the supremacy of the law. It believes in freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of action, freedom of trade, and free institutions. It believes in the Constitution, in fostering commerce, unfettered trade; establishing industry, aiding enterprise, maintaining equal opportunity, defending liberty, unshackling the mind and the conscience and handing down unimpaird to future generations the blessings of our free institutions.

"While the Republican party is in power the trusts will flourish like a green bay tree.

"When the Democratic party comes into power a Democratic President will appoint a Democratic Attorney General who will enforce the law against the trusts, and they will dissolve and disappear like mist before the rising sun and be gone forever."

MR. BRYAN AND SIXTEEN TO ONE

The World-Herald of Omaha, Nebraska, the paper which Mr. Bryan edited just previous to his nomination for the Presidency in 1896, thus states Mr. Bryan's relations to the great issue, which is in accordance with the daily declarations of Mr. Bryan himself. It says:

"The New York World and Mr.

Cockran do not appreciate the importance of the so-called '16 to 1,' because they have not studied the money question. In truth, that question is more important today than ever. If they desire to support W. J. Bryan they must accept the Chicago platform. If they think there are imperfections in that platform they must accept Bryan in spite of these imperfections. But this point should be emphasized that Bryan would rather go down in glorious defeat in defense of the principles in which he believes than accomplish an ignominious victory at the sacrifice of his manhood. Perhaps these people do not understand the splendid spirit that sustains this situation. The democracy of the South and the West do understand it, and because this is so Bryan will be the leader in the battle of 1900.

"There are some things worse than defeat. One of these would be the sacrifice of an honest conviction, and any man who knows Bryan would not ask him to sacrifice a conviction. The effort would be useless."

HON. JOHN W. ATWATER ON THE AMENDMENT.

It is a pleasure to The Post to publish an open letter from Congressman John W. Atwater of this district to one of his constituents in Chatham. It is a letter worthy of the writer, and of the good citizenship which is dearer to him than office. On the great issue now involved our Congressman is just where we expected him to be knowing him as we do, on the side of good government throughout the State, now and hereafter. And he says Mr. Butler will not be able to lead his former associates into the Republican camp and in opposition to white supremacy and the elimination of the ignorant and vicious negro voter.

This letter of Mr. Atwater, following those of A. C. Green, of Wake, J. J. Marshall, of Forsyth, J. Z. Green, of Union, may be accepted as fully voicing the sentiment of every Populist who has pride in his race, his citizenship, and who desires the well-being of his State.

The people of this district, and the whole State as well, will read Mr. Atwater's letter with great pleasure.

This is anything but encouraging. The Winston Sentinel says:

"Mr. Kennie Rose received a letter yesterday from John A. Chapman, who is a member of Company D, 38th U. S. Volunteers. The letter was written on January 4th, at Zapote Bridge, about twenty miles from Manila. He says: 'I have been in one battle which lasted one entire night, (January 2d), but very few Americans were wounded. From what I have seen since I came here I have decided that the war in the Philippines has just commenced. The Americans have almost lost all they gained last summer. We are fighting over the same ground that the Americans captured at that time. It will commence in earnest pretty soon. My company has been ordered to get ready to move south tomorrow morning.

"Tell the boys that this is not Cuba. We had a false alarm last night and killed one Filipino, one buffalo and one monkey; also had one man killed in my company."

If the monkeys and the buffalo have riz, as well as the Filipinos, Soldier Chapman is fully justified in his prediction that the "war has just commenced." Verily, this war of assimilation is assuming a very alarming and discouraging aspect.

Norfolk is very largely a North Carolina town, having drawn and still drawing much of its population, and support from this State. Its prosperity is therefore of great interest to our people. We can therefore rejoice with our friends just over the line as well as congratulate them upon the following evidences of growth, taken from the Landmark:

For the week ending February 8th bank clearings at Norfolk showed an increase of 80 per cent. over those for the corresponding week of 1899. The clearings of the whole country during the same week decreased 1 per cent. as compared with last year. Norfolk's remarkable gain surpassed that of any other American city except Savannah. Keep your eye on Norfolk."

Speaking of the result of the Molineux trial, the Philadelphia Record concludes:

"The accused man's lawyers were not successful in their efforts to relieve him of imputed connection with

Children

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the crime with which he was charged. Molineux has had a fair trial among an unprejudiced people, with an able and impartial jury, before an unbiased judge, and conducted by a District Attorney (Hon. James W. Osborne) who was plainly moved by conscientious scruples rather than by a desire to convict. The result is a noteworthy vindication of the weight and value of circumstantial evidence under modern methods of judicial administration and practice.

Mr. Henry Frick, late partner of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the great steel king, has brought a suit to compel Andy to divide. He says the net profits of the great iron company last year were over \$21,000,000.

"We believe it was Mr. Carnegie who said recently that 'no Christian should die rich.' (He evidently is not living in daily fear of a stroke of apoplexy or a serious disturbance in the department of his appendix.)

If Henry really wishes to serve his country, however, he should exercise his powers in persuading his late chum and co-laborer in the field of plutocracy to divide some of those immense profits with the public by reducing prices, as well as to give himself a seat at the first table as of yore.

Senator Butler in his speech in the Senate in opposition to the constitutional amendment quotes the Washington Post as follows:

"It is to be hoped that Senator Butler speaks by inspiration when he predicts the defeat of the North Carolina suffrage amendment."

Well, yes, possibly he has been in consultation with Senator Pritchard and the negro Congressman White, whose political life, like Butler's, they know, depends upon a continuance of ignorant negro suffrage and consequent social disorders. He certainly did not get any inspiration from such white Populists who are real leaders of that element as Congressman Atwater, Rev. Mr. Cade, Mr. J. J. Marshall, Editor J. Z. Green, and ex-Senator A. C. Green, and thousands more just like them.

The only Republican Senator from the entire South is from North Carolina, yet in the list of Southern commissioners of this country to the Paris Exposition, sent to the Senate by President McKinley, not one is a North Carolinian.

Another evidence of the estimate placed on North Carolina Republicans by President McKinley. And likewise of the influence of this only Republican Senator with the Republican administration.

Out of the seventeen named, the South gets four, Brutus J. Clay, of Kentucky; Charles A. Collier, of Georgia; Henry A. Parr, of Maryland, and William M. Thornton, of Virginia.

There is a hot commercial war on between France and Brazil, which our people might turn to good home use. France refuses to lower her tariff tax on Brazilian coffee, and Brazil retorts by doubling her duties on French goods.

Americans buy millions of dollars worth of coffee from Brazil, which is paid for in large part with gold instead of with our foodstuffs and manufactures. A little energy distributed in the neighborhood of Rio now might result in great and permanent advantage to our people. It is a good country to cultivate.

Congressman William Connell, of Pennsylvania, is said to be the richest member of the present lower House. A biographical sketch of him says "more than fifty years ago Mr. Connell began life by driving a mule in the coal mines of Pennsylvania at 75 cents a day. At the present time he is the owner of the mine in which he commenced work as a boy."

To use with one of Mr. Bryan's apt illustrations, when that mule and boy got into that mine the owner very prudently got out.

If Mr. Bryan could only deliver his speech in every voting precinct in the United States on the 5th day of next November, he would certainly stand a good chance of election the next day, judging from the effects of his splendid piece of oratory Tuesday night. Everybody who heard him became enthused over the speaker.

He is truly a magnetic man, and thoroughly captivates all who go within the sound of his voice.

The Post regrets to hear of the death of Mr. Elihu A. White, which occurred at his home in Perquimans county a few nights ago. He was an upright, conscientious citizen, highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was well known in this city, having served as Collector of Internal Revenue during Harrison's administration.

The Boers claim to have 120,000 good fighting men, with provisions and ammunition "to fight indefinitely." And late incidents indicate they themselves have gone on the warpath with deadly determination.

The Boers have assumed the offensive, and are becoming most offensive, so, on the west side of the Orange Free State, near Olesburg. Severe fighting has occurred, and the British have been badly worsted with heavy losses.

Mebane by Common Consent.

(Statesville Landmark.)
So far as we have observed, only one candidate has been mentioned for the Democratic nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction—Mr. W. E. Abernethy, of Burke. There is said to be a strong sentiment in favor of nominating Mr. Mebane, the present superintendent, and it looks as if the nomination would go to him by common consent. Although Mr. Mebane was nominated and elected by the fusionists in '96, he is not a partisan, and so far as our information goes has made a very capable, faithful and impartial superintendent.

(Charlotte Observer.)

A correspondent, "X," protests against the idea of the Democratic State convention nominating Mr. C. H. Mebane, Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the position he now holds. It is true Mr. Mebane was nominated and elected four years ago as a Republican. It is further true that he is the first man who has held this position since the war who has seemed to regard it otherwise than as a sinecure—who has made anything out of it for the children of the people. It is true, again, that he has been a real "non-partisan" in the administration of his office, declaring that politics must have no place in the public schools and leaning rather to the Democratic than the Republican boards—deciding, indeed, in the contested school board cases in favor of the Democrats and advising the fusion boards to vacate in favor of the appointees of the last legislature. We have, too, seen Mr. Mebane quoted as in favor of the constitutional amendment. We do not know how this is, but if it is true the fact covers a multitude of sins. The Observer has no zeal about the matter, but, speaking broadly, a party which four years ago voted for six Populist electors who were committed to a Populist for Vice-President need not have any great scruples in nominating this year for a non-partisan office a man who has shown pre-eminent fitness for his place and who has discharged its duties in such a manner that certainly no Democrat can object to him, whatever reason those who elected him may find for disappointment in him in a partisan way.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Olive of Philadelphia was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c., guaranteed, at drug stores.

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