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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WHAT WILL THEY DO AT ST. LOUIS.

The Man Who Influences Men. Republicans and Democrats Both Confident. Administration Gossip. Cleveland's Position.

JOURNAL BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.

What will the St. Louis conventions do? That is the question now oftenest asked by Democrats, Republicans and Populists. The majority of both Democrats and Populists believe that the Populist and silver conventions, both of which are to be held in St. Louis this week, will either endorse or nominate on a separate ticket, Bryan and Sewall. A majority of the Republicans also expect that outcome, although few of them will say as much publicly. Notwithstanding these opinions, it is known that if the Populist convention, in particular, can be controlled by money, it will not endorse Bryan and Sewall, but will put up an entirely separate ticket. A man who is a sort of a cross between a sport, a lobbyist, and a professional politician, and who is now at St. Louis, said in Washington, several days ago that anybody who could guarantee the nomination of a separate ticket by the Populist convention could pick up one million dollars. He wasn't talking for publication when he said that, and he isn't a delegate to either of the St. Louis conventions; neither is he there for his health. In fact, he is known as a man who never does anything unless there is money in it for him. People who know little of such things are apt to think that such men can influence nobody, but those who are familiar with conventions and Congress know a heap sight better. They can and do influence men, often to the extent of succeeding in putting through the scheme which employs them by the votes too, of honest men who believe that they are voting strictly in accordance with their conscientious opinions, and if they are not carefully watched at St. Louis their influence will be seen in the action of the Populist convention—they will not bother about the silver convention because that will not represent an organized party, and because it is already committed to Bryan and Sewall anyway.

Somebody is evidently expressing a confidence that they do not feel in the outcome of the coming Presidential campaign. It is to be presumed that prominent Republicans and Democrats possess equal facilities for ascertaining the drift of public sentiment throughout the country. Yet, the former are expressing absolute confidence in the election of McKinley and Hobart and the latter in the election of Bryan and Sewall. Senator Stewart, of Nevada, said just before leaving Washington for the St. Louis convention, that nothing on earth could prevent the triumph of silver this year. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who, by the way, will also be in St. Louis when the Populist and silver conventions meet—he says, he will merely stop there on his way home for a short rest—expresses confidence that both of those conventions will be for Bryan and Sewall, and that with the silver forces united they are bound to win. On the other hand, Chairman Babcock, of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, who has just returned from a visit to McKinley and Mark Hanna, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, says that silver has no chance to win, that the Republicans will elect a majority of the next House and McKinley and Hobart to a dead certainty. It may be that each of these gentlemen really feel the confidence they express, but if they do some of them are unquestionably the victims of misinformation. Only one party can elect a majority of the House and only one Presidential ticket can be elected.

Some very queer stories are floating around Washington as to the intentions of the administration. One of them goes so far as to say that President Cleveland has sent Mark Hanna word that McKinley and Hobart have nothing to fear from the administration, and that he hopes they will be elected. While this story doubtless comes very near to correctly representing the attitude of the administration towards the Democratic and Republican tickets, it is not probable that any message to that effect has been sent from Mr. Cleveland or any member of the administration. Mr. Cleveland has been accused of many things, but nobody, to my knowledge, has called him a fool. The two members of the administration—Secretaries [illegible] and Herbert—who have publicly announced that they would support Bryan [illegible] say that they would support McKinley. It can be stated on high authority that President Cleveland is [illegible] at his command to bring about the nomination of a gold Democratic ticket, and the silver Democrats are hoping he will succeed. Such a ticket would help the silver men because it would catch Democratic votes which would otherwise go to McKinley, and it would [illegible] of a single silver Democrat. [illegible] able, however, that [illegible] straight one between [illegible]. There may be other tickets [illegible] be merely side shows. Either Bryan [illegible] McKinley will be our next President.

The administration has [illegible] not support Bryan and Sewall. What it will support is [illegible] be solved. President Cleveland [illegible] al members of his Cabinet [illegible] favor of putting up a gold Democratic ticket, and, for once, the silver Democrats are all wishing that Mr. Cleveland may have his way. They believe that a gold Democratic ticket would add largely to their chance of winning in several of [illegible] cures, we [illegible] would be supported by gold Democrats who would otherwise vote for McKinley and Hobart. Republicans say they are indifferent as to what the gold Democrats may do, but it is an open secret that they are pulling every available wire to prevent the putting up of another gold ticket.

The Populists generally regard the platform adopted by the Democratic convention and the nomination of Bryan as a great triumph for their principles, and in order to impress that idea upon members of his party Secretary Turner, of the Populist National committee, has issued a signed statement, urging the Populists to unite in supporting the Democratic ticket, and the platform, which he says is to all intents and purposes a Populist platform. He also says that Mr. Bryan is a populist, and calls attention to his having acted with the Nebraska Populists for the last two years. After noting that populist principles have captured the Democratic party, he adds: "All Populists in these United States should rejoice that their principles have taken such a hold upon the American people that one of the great political parties of the nation has been compelled to adopt those principles and nominate a ticket pledged to carry them into execution."

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

Fist Disclosures on Controversy Show this Country to be Fine Not Relinquishing any First Claims.

Special.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—The efforts of the United States and Great Britain to agree upon a general arbitration treaty, for the settlement of all controversies through the establishment of a permanent tribunal, as well as the progress of diplomatic negotiations towards solving the Venezuelan problem, as set forth in the thirteen communications made public by the State Department, tonight, while they constitute the first authoritative disclosures upon these great questions, since President Cleveland's famous Christmastide Message to Congress, it will be found that previous reports of the negotiations have been fairly well outlined by previous dispatches, that little substantial progress towards a general arbitration treaty is disclosed by the documents.

An outline in part of the proposed proceedings is laid down and views of the two governments is so explicitly stated, that future discussion may be confined towards narrowing with a few divergencies of method.

The further fact is made apparent that the United States has not relaxed its vigilance in demanding just settlement of the Venezuelan boundary question and has rejected the British proposals for arbitrating that dispute, under terms involving a surrender of any part of Venezuela's claims.

AN AMIABLE SETTLEMENT.

So Says Lord Salisbury Regarding the Venezuelan Claims.

Special.

LONDON, July 17.—Lord Salisbury laid before the House of Lords, today, the papers on the subject of arbitration.

He said the negotiations between the United States and Great Britain were not complete but were amicably advancing.

Regarding Venezuela, he said, the first thing was to get at the real facts, and when this was done by the Commission, in whom all concerned had full confidence, he felt that the many diplomatic matters which would follow would not be very difficult of adjustment, but even if there was, those difficulties would be overcome by arbitration.

WHAT EDITORS SAY.

THE PRESS ON THE COMING CAMPAIGN.

Public Opinion Publishes a Symposium Showing the Editorial Policy On the Democratic Situation. What They Say.

NEW YORK.—The Weekly Public Opinion of New York, prints this week a symposium of carefully selected press comments from 123 leading newspapers in all parts of the country on the Democratic convention and the issue of the campaign. [illegible] Democratic, twenty [illegible] Republican and thirty seven are [illegible] independent [illegible] or special organs [illegible] farmers, [illegible]

Of the [illegible] Democratic papers, thirty [illegible] the platform, twenty [illegible] [illegible] Democrats to [illegible] the party lines and vote [illegible] planks: two [illegible] McKinley [illegible] demand an [illegible] for the [illegible] with free silver. [illegible] Republican papers, [illegible] that [illegible] Democratic [illegible]

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STATE CROP REPORT.

Official Figures for July. All Products Show Fine Averages.

Special.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 19.—The July [illegible] report [illegible] final figures on [illegible]

The [illegible] cotton [illegible] sweet potatoes 101, Irish potatoes 8[illegible] peanuts 95, [illegible]

FUSION ALMOST CERTAIN.

REPUBLICANS AND POPULISTS MEET IN RALEIGH.

Hardly a Question that Fusion Prevails. Russell, Pritchard, Butler, Pearson, State Treasurer Worth, Otho Wilson, Holton.

Special.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 17.—An extremely important meeting of leading Republicans and Populists is in progress here tonight, to see what can be done towards arranging for State fusion.

There is every reason to say that arrangements will be perfected.

Republicans say all their people and a majority of the rank and file of the Populists now are in favor of fusion.

Senators Butler and Pritchard are present. The former is the Populist State chairman.

Judge Daniel L. Russell, Republican State Chairman Holton, Congressman Richmond Pearson, Speaker Zeb Vance Walser and other prominent Republicans, as well as the State Treasurer Worth, S. Otho Wilson and other leading Populists are participating.

Great secrecy is observed as all say they cannot give details of their plans.

There was at one time much feeling against Senator Butler, and criticism of him by Republicans because they thought he was about to desert them, and fuse with the Democrats.

But Congressman Pearson says it is discovered that theso criticisms were unwarranted, as the reports regarding Butler were untrue.

Senator Butler declares positively that a Democrat will not be elected Governor of North Carolina, this year.

This of course means fusion.

Senator Pritchard says that his canvass will begin August 20th, and he positively declines to be interviewed.

INCREASED VALUATIONS.

The State Railway Commission Increases Valuation on N. & C. R. R. and N. & S. R. R.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 16—The State Railway Commission increases the valuation per mile of the Norfolk & Carolina railroad to $8,500.

Also the valuation of the Norfolk & Southern railroad to $7,000 per mile.

KILLED BY A BRIDGE.

A Number of Musicians of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show killed going Under a Bridge.

Special.

CANTON, O., July 16—Buffalo Bill's Wild West band wagon was drawn under a bridge across Main Street this morning, the musicians being all scraped off.

Half a dozen are reported dead or dying.

Took Platform from Pops.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 18.—Senator Peffer, who is en route to St. Louis, declares that Bryan is an ideal candidate, and that the Chicago platform was stolen from the Populists.

Secretary Herbert's Plans.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Among the important matters that have necessitated a week's postponement of Secretary Herbert's voyage of inspection on the Dolphin are the plans for the three new battleships and thirteen torpedo boats, the contracts for which, in accordance with the act of Congress approved June 10, must be award within 120 days.

That limit will expire October 8, and as some time had to be allowed for canvassing and considering the proposals, the advertisements which have already been issued called for opening the bids on the torpedo boats September 15, and on the battleships four days later. Plans and specifications for the torpedo boats, which are to be of three classes, making, respectively, thirty, twenty-two and one half and twenty knots, have already been prepared for eight bidders, who have applied for them, and Chief Constructor Hichborn is confident that the drawings and details of the battleships will be in possession of the only four establishments in the country capable of such big work not later than August 1.

The entire resources of the Navy Department have been strained to their utmost to expedite this work, and as soon as it is out of the way a general effort is to be made to hasten the completion of existing contracts, some of which are behind time.

Gold Fight in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Gen. Edward S. Bragg, Senator Vilas, James J. Hogan, and James G. Flanders, the delegates at large from this State to the Chicago convention, held a conference and issued a declaration explaining the action of the delegation in not voting in the convention.

As a result of the meeting it is certain that the gold Democrats of Wisconsin will put a ticket in the field in the State election, regardless of the bolters in other States. Gen. Bragg is about the only one of the leaders who still believes that the gold men of the State will be able to control the Democratic State convention to be held September 5. J. J. Hogan expressed the sentiments of the majority when he said:

"I believe the sentiment of a large portion of the Democrats of the State is in favor of a new ticket, and it is probable one will be put in the field."

In the statement which has been issued, and which is signed by nineteen of the delegates to the Chicago convention, reference is made to a mass meeting or a convention of the gold men to take action to repudiate the Chicago platform and nominees.

COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED.

Secret Service Agenti Discover and Arrest a Gang of Silver Counterfeiters.

NEW YORK, July 18.—The Secret Service agents, after two weeks hard work, have identified the woman arrested at Hoboken, N. J., for passing counterfeit silver dollars, whose name is Mrs. Mary Knapp. Her husband did the business for the woman in Boston.

The accomplices are George Sand and William Sands, both well-known counterfeiters.

The two started out from Kansas City some weeks ago and worked their way east to Hoboken, before they were captured.

Depew Leaves for Home.

LONDON, July 18.—Chauncey M. Depew went by special train from here to Liverpool today, in order to catch the Cunard Liner Lucania, on his return to New York, where he goes on account of the serious illness of Cornelius Vanderbilt.

WILMINGTON LETTER.

A WEEK OF GREAT CROWDS IN THIS CITY.

The Messenger's New Type Setting Machines. Encampment at Wrightsville. The Muddy Cape Fear.

JOURNAL BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., July 18, '96.

This has been a week of crowds. All kinds of humanity have drifted through our town, to the resorts, filling the streets almost to their limit. Standing in an elevated place, and gazing down Front St. an animated scene is presented to the eye, very unusual for Wilmington. The street cars are doing a "rushing" business. Extra cars have been put on and they are constantly filled. The jolting motion of the cars has proved too much for some of the country people and some veritable cases of seasickness are reported. It was not necessary for them to take a trip on the ocean.

The Press Association meeting this week, has augmented the crowds. The men who are filled with thought, seemed anxious to forget their cares, upon arrival here, and with the least attention to the business of the association possible, escaped to the Ocean side on the first day, there to regale themselves upon the oyster, and take a dip in the sea waves. Next day, it was a trip down the river and out to sea, and the election of officers, was made at Carolina Beach, where the roaring surf, drowned the eloquence of any speeches that were made.

The editors were delighted with the outing, and would be easily persuaded to come our way every summer.

The Wilmington Messenger ever progressive, and adopting all the latest conveniences for rapid work, has put in three type-setting machines, to take the place of hand setting. They do splendid work and the readers of the paper are much pleased with the improved printing of the paper. Not long ago the Messenger put in electric power in place of steam, for running the presses. The type-setting machines are very discouraging to the printers. A procession of these men, left town this week, their usefulness on the Messenger being at an end.

The Second Regiment went into camp at Wrightsville, Friday morning. The Wilmington Light Infantry is one of the companies composing this regiment. It was a sorry day for uniforms, for a disagreeable penetrating rain fell all during the day, thoroughly saturating the tents, and making life miserable for the poor soldiers boys. It is to be hoped that before the encampment is over the weather will have changed. Girls, in light summer dresses, will not be frequent visitors to the camp unless the sun shines. Without them to view our uniforms, tell me please where is the pleasure of being a soldier. With a weeks constant work, putting down tent floors, driving pumps, and other preparations, the camp presents a very good condition, and now is filled with animation.

The waters of the river still hold an unusual quantity of up the country mud. The unusually heavy rains have kept the river at flood high for a long period, now it has begun to subside. Large quantities of drift fill the river, and it would seem the lowlands of the interior must be fairly well cleared of their refuse.

The Oriental Pleasure Club is the title of an organization of people, bent on having what their names implies. Almost weekly, they advertise a moonlight excursion. The excursion takes place, but the moon fails to appear, the clouds are heavy with rain, but this does not dampen the Club's ardor, though it does their clothes.

The "Dispatch" newspaper office is the local headquarters of the silver people. There almost daily may be found a member of ardent silverites, engaged in discussion of this all engrossing subject. Mr B. F. Keith, editor of a weekly silver organ, has gone to St. Louis to attend the Silver Convention.

Disastrous Forest Fires.

SPOKANE, Wash.—Forest fires are raging throughout the country north of this city in Washington, Idaho, and British Columbia.

Millions of feet of timber have already been destroyed, and throughout numerous mining camps situated in the path of the fires great damage is being done in the destruction of property. The smoke here is so dense as to almost shut out the sun, and at Rossland and other towns further north the atmosphere is so laden with smoke and the heat from the trees is so intense that life is made almost unbearable.

BUTLER AGAINS BRYAN.

RUSSELL SEEMS STILL SECURE FOR GOVERNOR.

The Meeting; Friday Night. Fusion Seems Satisfactory to Republicans and Populists. Odds on McKinley Carrying North Carolina.

JOURNAL BUREAU,
RALEIGH, July 18.

Public interest was considerably excited by the conference of Senators Butler and Pritchard, ex-Judge Russell, Chairman Holton, Congressman Pearson, Speaker Walser and others last night in this city It lasted until after 1 o'clock this morning. Then many at the conference left.

All those present favored fusion on conditions and what was done last night leads towards it. The Republican State Committee is called to meet here August 10, the Monday before the Populist State Convention. The latter will meet Thursday, August 13. Its date is not changed.

Butler is solid against Bryan, those Republicans who were with him last night tell me. Here is what they say further: "The whole thing is to check this Bryan movement among North Carolina Populists. Butler is told that Bryan is strong here. He is mum, not saying a word. What we Republicans need is a leader; that is one who will talk and act. It was distinctly understood and ordered last night that we were not to tell the inner secrets of our meeting. There was a wide difference of opinion. But we will say to you Russell will not come down. There are those of us who will bet $1,000 to $1 he will not come down. If he does come down there are some of us who would bolt the State ticket. Russell told us last night that if the committee thought he was not the proper man to lead he would abandon his candidacy. All that we did leads toward fusion. August 13 matters will be settled. Then the State ticket will be completed one way or the other. If Bryan is endorsed by the North Carolina Populists, fusion in the State ends. We have let this be distinctly understood. Fusion or no fusion, McKinley will carry North Carolina.

If the North Carolina Populist leaders do endorse Bryan many of the voters of that party will cast their votes for McKinley. They say so openly, and add that they do not propose to vote for anybody the Democrats nominate. So far as we now know only two Populists of prominence oppose fusion—Butler and Guthrie. But Butler's name today is taken out of this list, for he is red hot for fusion. He has the appearance of being mighty tame. It is the first time he has really been open for business. No man can really yet say just what the result will be. But there is blood on the moon. Guthrie hopes to be Governor. Butler wants to take Russell down. To be frank, some Republicans want him taken down too. Mewborne and Hileman, two of the Populist leaders, want Russell to head the fusion ticket, and favor filling up the planks now left in the State ticket. In case this is done Mewborne will be Secretary of State. There is no opposition to W. H. Worth for treasurer. He favors fusion with all his soul but does not say so. He is as gentle as a lamb. The result. is going to be that if Guthrie does not kick out of the traces he will be put on the Supreme court bench. A place is open for him. Maybe he will not accept it. Pritchard is anxious for fusion to continue. But he stands squarely on the National platform.

Senator Butler left for St. Louis this morning. The Republicans say he will head the anti-Bryan forces. He does not say so. He is reticent. At the depot he said: "I say every man ought to wait until the convention meets and considers. We must wait development there. We must stand by the action of the convention."

As he was leaving on the same train with Butler chairman Holton said: "You know we did nothing definite last night. We only considered. This is not the time to talk."

J. C. L. Harris, Populist-Republican says he and Republican State committeeman James H. Young had a conference this week and as a result he sent Young to Wilmington to see Russell. There was a proposition to have an immediate meeting of the Republican State committee, and Harris says he advised against this. C. M. Bernard went to see Russell also.

President Winston of the State University was here today. He has secured Mrs. Hunter, of Goldsboro, to take charge of the new "Commons hall" at the University, at which 200 students will be boarded at $8 a month.

July 27 the Seaboard Air Line people will go to Concord to look into the matter of building a branch line there from Charlotte.

G. B. Alford who is an independent candidate for Congress in this district on a "sound money" basis was here today. He says his whole mind is on this question: that he is a bimetalist. He says the extreme silver men are so bitter that if one does not precisely agree with them they term him a "goldbug."

J. R. Tillery, of Weldon writes State Treasurer Worth as follows: "I have 2000 acres of river and adjourning the 'Caledonia' from on the Roanoke river, but not subject to overflow, though lying on the banks I will give you the entire farm, with the farming utensils and 30 mules, for the amount of money you (the State) lost during the late freshet.

Some of the silver Democrats today expressed great delight at Whitney's bolt.

The ex-Confederate veterans in Western North Carolina are to have a grand reunion at Sylva, August 19-21.

Night before last and last night fine rains fell here.

James A. Check, a prominent Republican, of Hillsboro, offers to bet $1,000 to $100 that McKinley will carry North Carolina. He also offers big odds on Congressman Settle's re-election.

It is a fact that not one of the three State chairmen in North Carolina is willing to bet that he can, within 10,000 estimate correctly the vote of his party.

The Populists declare they have no leader; that the man called a leader simply walks ahead, but that they drive him. This they may believe, but Butler is both leader and boss.

Jealousy's Awful Crime.

ROCKFORD, Ill.—James French, a tailor, met his wife on the street in a fashionable part of the city and fired eight shots into her body, killing her.

Albert Barker, a prominent citizen was shot in the wrist while grappling with French, who ran through the streets eight blocks, pursued by an angry mob of 300 people. He held the mob at bay on the river front, where he was captured, but after firing the contents of two revolvers without serious results, he shot himself through the head and jumped into the river.

French was dragged out, resuscitated, and taken to the county jail through the mob, which made strong threats of lynching. His wound is not fatal. Jealousy was the cause of the murder.

Killed His Friend.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—F. M. Ector was struck with a chair by his friend, W. W. Haralson, in a quarrel over a game of cribbage, and died of blood clot on the brain. The quarrel was in relation to the deal.

The men were friends, and the sequel of the unintentional fatal blow has caused Haralson great mental suffering.

Ector was formerly of Atlanta, but has recently been employed in the auditor's office of the Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West Railroad. Haralson was traveling auditor of the same road, and is known in Tennessee and Alabama. He is related to Chief Justice Haralson, of Alabama.

His Head Cut off.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va.—Jas Coates, a citizen of this place, was crushed under a train of the Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, near this city and instantly killed. Coates was attempting to jump off of the train. His head was severed from his body.

What Thurston Says.

Special.

CHICAGO, July 20.—The Republican Executive Committee selected its headquarters, to day.

Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, said that Bryan could not carry his own State.

Bankers Come to Rescue.

Special.

NEW YORK, July 20—The engagement of two millions of gold for export, caused a meeting of bankers, this afternoon, at which they pledged to exchange millions of gold for greenbacks.

The banks here hold twenty millions of gold.

Bradstreets Report.

Special.

NEW YORK, July 17.—Bradstreet reports the merchandise markets dull. Little disposition to engage in new enterprises. Merchants in city and country are purchasing with great care.

Bank clearings are three per cent lower than last week.

Failures show an increase of forty one in past week.

Stock speculation is dull, prices slightly better after slight liquidation.

Among the favorable features are the relatively encouraging reports concerning trade at nine business centers, together with improvements in quotations of wheat, corn, oats and pork.

Firm price for print cloths, leather, lumber, sugar and wool.

JULY THIRTIETH.

DATE OF STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETING.

Clement Manly, of Winston, to Be Chairman. Headquarters Continue at Raleigh. Chairman Pou Not a Candidate.

Special.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 21.—Democratic State Chairman J. H. Pou, was here today and conferred with the State nominees regarding the date of the State committee July 30th was the date fixed.

Mr. Pou will not allow his name to be used as a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Clement Manly, of Winston, will be the new chairman.

The headquarters will continue at Raleigh.

Loaded with Ammunition.

Special.

HAVANA, July 21—The examination of a house at San Raafel, in which arms and ammunition were found last week, a trunk, with a double bottom was found, with forty-eight dynamite cartridges, with an additional box of a thousand cartridges.

PRISONERS LIBERATED.

The Queen Regent's Birthday Celebrated in Cuba.

Special.

HAVANA, July 21.—In compliance with a degree of General Weyler, the occasion being the birthday of the Queen Regent of Spain, who was born in 1858, General Lano, the Military Governor of Cuba, will today visit prisoners, for the purpose of liberating one hundred and twelve of those imprisoned for political offenses, besides some military prisoners confined for trivial offences.

AT ST. LOUIS.

BRYAN'S MANAGERS ACTIVELY AT WORK.

Conferences and Compromises. A Doubtful Situation. Those Prominent for Nominations. Expected Bitterness in Convention.

Special.

ST. LOUIS, July 21—Conferences and compromises, take up all the time of the Populists.

The active propaganda started Sunday, by the partisans of Bryan, was continued yesterday and last night, with more or less gratifying results.

The situation is still in doubt, both factions claiming to be victors.

Jerry Simpson says he expects to see convention endorse Bryan and Sewall and a bolt will follow.

Outside sentiment seems to be for Bryan

Paul Vandervoort, of Omaha, Neb., ex-Commander Chief of the Grand Army, is more frequently mentioned for nomination than others, today.

Other names mentioned are Congressman C. A. Towne, of Minnesota, Eugene V. Debs, and Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota.

Today has been dark and rainy, like yesterday.

The Populists were early to bed last night, and early to rise this morning.

Notwithstanding the confidence in their success of the Bryan managers, they are not relaxing any efforts. They are not adverse to any split which shall take the radicals out of the convention.

The battle will be upon the floor of the convention and no one doubts that there will be a display of bitterness and bad blood.

The National Committee was wrestling today, with the question of organization.

The Bryan men put forward J. B. Weaver for chairman, and do not believe that he will be strongly opposed.

Railway Facts and Figures.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission for the year ending June 30, 1895, shows the total railroad mileage on that date to have been 180,657, an increase of 1,948. During the year fourteen roads were abandoned, nine merged, thirty-two reorganized, and twenty-eight consolidated. There appears from the report to have been a decreased efficiency in passenger service and an increased efficiency in freight service during the year, and an increase in the number of men employed by railways of 5,420, as compared with the previous year. There was an increase in the amount of railway capital during the year, aggregating $182,529,312.

The gross earning of the railways for the year ending June 30, 1895, were $1,075,371,362, an increase of $20,609,665. The passenger revenue was $252,246,180, showing a decrease of $33,103,378. The freight revenue increased $30,502,549.

The number of railroad employees killed during the year was 1,181, and the number injured was 24,696, a decrease of 12 killed, and an increase of 2,274 injured, as compared with the previous year. The number of passengers killed was 170, injured 2,375, showing a decrease of 154 in the number killed, and 659 in he injured.

The Statistician recommends that Congress be requested to provide for a Bureau of Statistics and Accounts, which shall have the right of inspection and control over the accounting departments of common carriers.

Christians Massacred.

Special.

ATHENS, July 21.—Ten christians have been massacred at Hereklion, on the Island of Crete.

French and English men of war have arrived there.

Vanderbilt's Condition.

Special.

NEW YORK, July 21.—There was a rumors of a relapse in Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition, which is emphatically denied.

The doctors did not remain with him last night. He is doing well.

Murdered His Children.

Special.

ATTICA, Mich., July 21.—Gorman Swain killed his three youngest children at his home, one mile South of here, at three o'clock this morning.

He set fire to his house and shot himself The children were, Frank, 11 years, Lucy 9 years, James, 7 years.

The murderer drove his other children from the house, and they fled to the neighbors.

McKINLEY WILL NOT ATTEND.

Remains Quietly at Home. Mark Hanna Still at Cleveland.

Special.

CLEVELAND, July 21—Major McKinley decided he would not attend the exercises of the Centennial celebration this morning, but remained at his suburban home.

Mr. Hanna will remain here until Friday or Saturday, excepting a few hours at Alliance, Ohio, Thursday morning, where he will attend the commencement exercises of Mount Union College. He intends to return to Cleveland for a New England dinner next Thursday.

He will speak only once tomorrow, Founders Day.

For Bryan, Against Silver.

Special.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 21—Hoke Smith's newspaper, the Atlanta Journal, comes out for Bryan, but is against free coinage of silver at 16 to 1.

GOLD GOING OUT.

Reserve is Now Below the Ninety Million Mark. Much is for Hoarding.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The gold reserve yesterday declined to $89,761,336, with withdrawals of $3,706,300, of which $3,030,000 was for export. The large amount, nearly $675,000, taken presumably for hoarding purposes was regarded by Treasury officials as the unfavorable feature of the day's transactions.

For the past two weeks small amounts of gold for the purpose have been withdrawn, but yesterday's withdrawals for that purpose are larger than for any one day this year. A reassuring rumor which reached here to the effect that the New York national banks have formed a pool and will turn into the Treasury $20,000,000 in gold for legal tenders was well received by Treasury officials. It was pointed out that they were amply able to do so.

Mint Director Preston on July 1 estimated that there was in the United States $598,000,000 in gold, and by the last report the national banks, of the United States had $178,000,000, and the national banks of New York alone had of this sum $46,000,000 This total has been increased since then, and it is doubtless now nearly $50,000,000. The administration's policy to keep the gold reserve up to a point of confidence has never wavered. This policy, it stated, will be maintained even if a new bond issue is necessary.

On March 4, 1893, there was in the Treasury $103,000,000 in gold. This amount, added to the sum realized from the bond sales since, make $396,000,000. By subtracting from this amount the gold on hand day, $89,000,000, shows that since March 4, 1893, $307,000,000 in gold has been withdrawn. Treasury officials attribute the heavy withdrawals to foreign holders of American securities throwing them upon the market.

In view of the fact that the Treasury has lost since July 1 $13,000,000 in gold and present indications point to further withdrawals this week, Treasury officials who have had confidential relations with all former bond issues, say that it will be much easier and more advantageous to the government, if a bond issue has to be made, to do it before the gold reserve reaches the limit of $60,000,000. If the national banks, however, it is said, come to the relief of the Treasury, a bond issue may be averted altogether, certainly for the next few months.

WILL BE ASSESSED.

North Carolina Railroad to be Assessed. On Seaboard Air Line Between Raleigh and South Carolina.

Special.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 21.—The Railway Commission assesses the North Carolina Railway at $10,000 per mile.

Heretofore it has not been assessed but taxes have been paid on its capital stock.

The assessment of that part of the Seaboard Air Line between Raleigh and the South Carolina line is increased from $8,500 to $10,000 per mile.

Severe Storms in Kentucky.

Special.

FRANKFORT, Ky., July 21.—One of the worst storms in years, carried away two hundred feet of the bridge of the Louisville & Nashville railway.

Conway's mills, houses and other establishments on Benson Creek were swept away.

People coming into town from every direction, today, report damage.

Cotton is Higher.

Special.

NEW YORK, July 21.—On the Cotton Exchange, today, cotton was several points higher.

IN DISTRESS, AT HALIFAX.

American Barkentine Puts Into Port. Mutiny on Board. Three Killed.

Special.

HALIFAX, N. S. July 21—The American barkentine, Herbert Fuller, Captain Nash, from Boston, July 8th, for Rosario, with lumber, put into this port, this morning.

There had been mutiny on board. The Captain, his wife and second mate were killed in their berths during the night.

Campaign Opens in Tennessee.

Special.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 21.—Ex-Governor Taylor opened the campaign here today, by endorsing Bryan.

List of Letters.

Remaining in the Post Office at New Berne, Craven county, N. C., July 11th, 1896.

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D—Mr. Jno. Dobson.
F—Mr. Albert Foreman.
G—Miss Harriett Green, care of Thos. Carter, Miss Lucy S. Green.
H—Mr. Jas. Hardison, Mr. Wm. Harding, Mr. J. W. Humming.
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O—Mr. Jno. Oliver.
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