

## VICTORIA TO RETIRE

This Report is Given Out in London.

### HER HEALTH BADLY SHATTERED

Prince of Wales May Soon Occupy the British Throne—Development of Australian Mines.

LONDON, July 31.—The rumor that Queen Victoria intends to retire in favor of the Prince of Wales is again current today. It is added that court circles are greatly troubled regarding the condition of the queen's health. Such reports have frequently appeared recently, only to be semi-officially contradicted later, but it seems that there may be some actual foundation for the statements made. It is added that her majesty has decided to spend her time in future at Balmoral or Osborne, and will give the Prince and Princess of Wales the use of Buckingham palace and Windsor castle. There is no doubt the queen seems to feel greatly wrought up over her eyes and bereavements. Her majesty is quoted as having repeatedly remarked during her stay at Buckingham palace upon the occasion of the recent marriage of Princess Maude of Wales to Prince Charles of Denmark: "This is my last visit to London."

Color is given the reports in circulation by the deep emotion displayed by the queen as she bowed in reply to the enthusiastic multitude which lined the route from Buckingham palace to the railroad station where she took the train for Windsor, after the marriage ceremony.

### Development of Australian Mines.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Percy F. Marks, one of the proprietors of the London Financial News, and one of the recognized authorities on financial matters, arrived yesterday on the Monowai. The paper was founded in 1883, and is owned by himself and his brother, Harry H. Marks, a member of parliament. This brother, previous to embarking in this London newspaper enterprise, obtained his journalistic experience on American papers.

Mr. Marks has been in Australia making a study of the gold fields of West Australia, New South Wales and New Zealand. As these mines develop, which they are now doing very rapidly, he predicts a very remarkable increase in the supply of gold, amounting, in fact, to a glut of the yellow metal in the market. The mines of West Australia are particularly prolific, but have the disadvantage of being in a country scantily supplied with wood, water and means of transportation. But these disadvantages are being rapidly overcome. The government is extending the railroad from Perth to Coolgardie, on to Kalgoorlie, better known at Hoonay, 25 miles, an extraordinarily rich mining region.

The government has also asked parliament for \$5,000,000 for the purpose of laying 3000 miles of water pipe. In many places drinking water sells for two shillings a gallon.

From here Mr. Marks goes to Cripple Creek to investigate the mining prospects there. His paper, he says, has always had a favorable opinion of the Cripple Creek fields.

### L. R. PLATTOR KILLED.

Shot Through the Heart While in the Spokane Courthouse.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 31.—L. H. Plattor, a well-known attorney and Democratic politician, was shot and almost instantly killed in the corridor of the courthouse shortly before 6 o'clock this evening. The shot was fired by Henry Seiffert, a restaurant proprietor and sporting man, who is also well known.

The tragedy resulted from remarks made by Plattor in court, and which Seiffert construed as a reflection upon his character.

### BRYAN A PAID AGENT.

The Democratic Nominee Exposed by Senator Thurston.

MADISON, Wis., July 31.—The political campaign of 1896 was opened today in the presence of 8000 people, Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, and Clarence S. Darrow, of Chicago, for two and a half hours presenting the respective sides of the currency question. Each talked for an hour and a quarter. During the course of his speech, Senator Thurston said:

"I happened to hear Bryan four years ago in the congressional campaign in my state. I pledge you, my countrymen, and it is a solemn fact, that from the beginning of that campaign to the end, William J. Bryan advocated no other issue, no other argument than the

tariff. Four years ago I heard William J. Bryan say to a great audience in my state: 'Give us free trade and the American workingman's wages will go up.' But they went down. He said, 'Give us free trade and business will boom.' But it burst. (Loud applause and laughter.) The same man today comes before you with a new promise. They have discarded the issue of four years ago, and now 'Give us free silver and the wages of men will increase; give us free silver and the prices of products will rise; give us free silver and the new avenues of employment will be opened up; give us free silver and the business of the country will boom.'"

After depicting the evils which would follow the adoption of laws for free coinage of silver, Thurston added:

"Who has carried on this great silver campaign? On the 11th of July, 1896, a Democratic paper, the Chicago Chronicle, published this in double-headed type, on its editorial page:

"The proprietors of the big bonanzas have found it profitable to keep a large number of lecturers and other spokesmen on the road preaching to the people. Among the many who have thus been employed and carried on the payrolls of the big bonanzas for a number of years is William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, a paid agent and spokesman for the free-silver combine."

"In the city of Omaha, where William J. Bryan does editorial work, the Omaha Bee has made the specific charge, editorially, time and again. It has never been met. I say, as an American citizen, having at heart the welfare of the people, that the man posing as the advocate of the down-trodden masses of his countrymen—holding a 'crown of thorns' in one hand and the bugaboo 'cross of gold' in the other—owes it as a duty to every man, woman and child in this country to say whether that charge is false or whether it is true. I do say, my countrymen, and I know whereof I speak, that for three years and a half, without regard to Bryan, there has been a selected corps of orators and writers, paid employes of the silver producers, spreading their literature over this country from one end to the other, telling the farmer that with free silver he will have more for wheat; telling the laboring man that with free silver he will have more for his work."

### \$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.

**Children Killed by a Hog.**  
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Aug. 1.—In Benton county, Mrs. Mary Smith, wife of a farmer, became alarmed at the absence of her 10-year-old daughter and started out to search for her, leaving her other children, infant twins and a boy aged 4 playing in the yard. During her absence a vicious hog attacked the twins and killed them. The little boy tried to run the swine away, and was fatally bitten.

**All Free.**  
Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on the advertised druggist and get a trial bottle, free. Send your name and address to H. R. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Instructor, free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and cost you nothing. Blakeley & Houghton's Druggists.

**'Cyclone' Davis for Congress.**  
TEXARKANA, Ark., Aug. 1.—"Cyclone" Davis, the People's party leader, was today nominated for congress by the Populists for the fourth district, to succeed D. B. Culberson.

There is nothing that causes women greater discomfort and misery than the constant recurring Headache. Men suffer less with Headache. "My wife's health was very indifferent, having Headache continually, and just two packages of Simmons Liver Regulator released her from all Headache and gave tone and vigor to her whole system. I have never regretted its use."—M. B. DeBord, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

## THE GOLD CONVENTION

The Four Different States Want It.

### THE INDIANAPOLIS CONFERENCE

Thirty-one States Will Participate in the Meeting—Nineteen States Have Already Organized.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—The executive national committee of the gold-standard Democratic conference, which meets in Indianapolis Friday, having in charge the arrangements of the preliminaries for the conference, made an announcement today that 31 states will participate in that meeting. The announcement was made after going over the responses to the address recently issued as the result of the gathering at the Auditorium. Chicago is favored for the convention, but Detroit, Indianapolis and Minneapolis are candidates.

The executive committee, which met today, consisted of General Bragg, of Wisconsin; J. O. Broadhead, of Missouri; W. B. Haldeman, of Kentucky; H. S. Robbins, of Illinois, and W. D. Bynum, of Indiana. All the members of the committee were present. The committee met in the morning and remained in session until 1 o'clock. The addresses from 31 states, Mr. Bynum and Mr. Robbins reported, were such as to warrant the certainty that all of them would be represented at Indianapolis.

After canvassing in detail the correspondence, it was found that the gold-standard men of 19 states had already organized and named their committeemen to the Indianapolis conference. The committee thus far named is as follows:

- Alabama—J. M. Faulkner, Montgomery.
- California—T. B. Pond, San Francisco.
- Illinois—John M. Palmer, Springfield.
- Indiana—John P. Wilson, Indianapolis.
- Kansas—Eugene Hagan, Topeka.
- Kentucky—Richard Tyler, Hickman.
- Massachusetts—Ex-Mayor Matthews, Boston.
- Minnesota—F. M. W. Kutcheon, St. Paul.
- Mississippi—Edgar S. Wilson, Jackson.
- Missouri—L. C. Kranthoff, Kansas City.
- Nebraska—Euclid Martin, Omaha.
- New Hampshire—Gordon Woodbury, Manchester.
- New York—Charles Tracy, Albany; alternate, George Foster Peabody, Brooklyn.
- Oregon—C. E. S. Wood, Portland.
- Pennsylvania—F. C. Bullitt, Philadelphia.
- South Carolina—T. F. Tolley, Anderson.
- Washington—Thomas Burke, Seattle.
- West Virginia—H. S. Sims, Huntington.
- Wisconsin—Ellis B. Asher, Lacrosse.

In the following states, the committee was informed the gold-standard men had organized and called a conference to appoint representatives from their states for the Indianapolis conference on the 7th:

- Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Tennessee and Virginia.

The committee was also advised that in the following states steps are being taken which will result in the naming of committeemen:

- Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, New Jersey and South Dakota.

Two territories, New Mexico and Oklahoma, placed themselves in communication with the committee, and desired to be represented at Indianapolis.

### DECEIVED BY DEMOCRATS.

Populist Peck Says Sewall Must Be Withdrawn.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 1.—W. E. Peck, who ran for governor on the Populist ticket in 1892, and headed the Georgia delegation to the St. Louis convention, made the following statement to the Atlanta Journal today:

"It was understood with the Democrats that if the Populists would nominate Bryan for the presidency and a Southern Populist for the vice-president, that Sewall would retire from the race, or in other words, be (Sewall) would be taken down and our candidate for vice-president would be put on the ticket with Bryan.

"With this understanding Watson was unanimously nominated. Every state in the union supported him except South

Carolina, and it was not represented. This was the broad ground on which the Democrats and Populists met.

"Having been deceived by promises, we made it a certainty on our part, and reversed the order of business, and nominated the vice-president first.

"Senator Jones, chairman of the national Democratic committee, was there, together with many prominent Democrats from different parts of the United States, urging this course for the success of financial reform. We did not endorse Bryan, but made our platform and nominated him then for president by over a two-thirds vote. Mr. Watson was nominated with as long and loud outbursts of enthusiasm as was Mr. Bryan, and I beg leave to say now that there is but one course to pursue if good faith is to govern this union of the silver forces, viz: Watson electors must be put up by the Democratic party from Maine to California. It would be a lack of fidelity to ask or to do otherwise in the South; yea, in Georgia it would be an unpardonable sin and unfaithfulness on the part of the Democratic party, and the people will hold them responsible for the result.

(Signed) WILLIAM L. PECK.

### WOULD NOT DENY IT.

Bryan Had Nothing to Say About Senator Thurston's Charges.

LINCOLN, Aug. 1.—When asked today for a statement concerning the reiterated charge of Senator Thurston in his recent speech to the effect that he was in the pay of mine-owners, Bryan declined to authorize a denial, saying that the denial will be made at the proper time, and that denials of the statement have heretofore been made.

Referring to his proposed trip East, Bryan said today that he may conclude to slightly change his route from here to Chicago, as a strong pressure is being brought to bear to induce him to visit some cities not on the Burlington line. The dispatches have announced that the free-silver people of Des Moines, Ia., have expected him to come that way on the partial assurance he had given and have made preparations to recognize his visit. This undoubtedly is why he is reconsidering the route of his projected visit.

It was given out at the Bryan home this evening that Hon. R. P. Bland of Missouri will arrive in Lincoln next Friday and will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Bryan on their trip to New York.

### CORONER SAID IT WAS SUICIDE.

But Fool Play is Suggested in Connection With Lawrence's Death.

The coroner's jury in the case of J. W. Lawrence, brought in a verdict of suicide. Lawrence is the man who was found beside a trail about eight miles from Union. The two young men who first discovered him at 8 o'clock Monday morning, did not get off their horses, believing the man to be dead, but went directly into town and informed the sheriff. The sheriff obtained a coffin and with two conveyances, started for the scene of the tragedy, arriving there about 1 o'clock. When about fifteen feet from the body one of the sheriff's party made the remark that the man was not dead, and stated he could hear him breathing, and such was the case. The injured man was removed to town and died at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. The autopsy revealed the fact that the bullet had not penetrated the brain, but had plowed its way between the skull and scalp. The skull was fractured to some extent, and in the opinion of the physicians who examined the injury, the man's life could have been saved if he had received medical and surgical attention at an earlier hour.

It is commented upon in Union that it seems very queer that though there are about fifteen houses within a radius of a mile and a half from where Lawrence was shot, and that he was discovered in the morning, that no one visited the scene of the shooting between the time of the finding of the body and the arrival of the sheriff's party. Remarks of foul play are freely made, as it is known that Lawrence was hot on the trail of some horse and cattle thieves, and it is thought by many that he was done away with by some of the parties he was accumulating evidence against, as the easiest means of avoiding a criminal prosecution.

The deceased was 34 years of age, and was a miner by occupation. His father lives three miles north of Union, and he has no other relatives in this country.

The cure of Rheumatism has often taxed medical skill, but its prevention has been very easy by an occasional use of Simmons Regulator. It keeps the liver well regulated, and the system free from poison. Therein is the secret of health. "I have used it for years for Indigestion and Constipation, and also found it gives one relief from a touch of Rheumatism."—N. Hughes, Lordsburg, N. M.

## GETTING OUT OF CUBA

All Who Can Raise Sufficient Means Are Escaping.

### CRUELITIES OF SPANISH SOLDIERS

Cities Full of Beggars Whose Homes Have Been Burned—A Dark Picture of Outrage and Crime.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., August 3.—Late advices from Havana give a very dark picture of the state of affairs in Cuba. The emigration from the island continues at various ports. All who can raise sufficient means to cover their passage are leaving. From Puerto Principe province alone it is estimated that more than 300 families have gone abroad. Through the port of Havana more than 28,000 persons, mostly Cubans, have left the island since General Weyler reached Cuba, according to the official reports, while by direct steamers for Europe more than 6,000 Spanish artisans and farm hands have embarked for the Canary Islands and Balearic islands or ports of the peninsula.

General Weyler's campaign against the pacificos is driving the country people terror stricken from their homes. While the insurgents blow up trains with dynamite and burn sugar estates, the Spanish guerrillas continue to burn the modest country huts and destroy the present plantings. The families left without shelter are compelled to flock into the cities, the men being forced into the government service and the women compelled to wash and cook for the officers and troops, beg or do worse to keep hunger from the door. The picture is indeed a sad one.

According to the official reports, more than 3,000 suspicious peasant huts were burned during the last week. In instances where only women were found at home, liberties are without doubt often taken, giving rise afterward to shocking stories of outrage and crime committed by Spanish guerrillas, but often unjustly attributed to officers and troops of the line.

And while General Weyler continues driving the peasants of the country from their fields of honest labor, the refugees are dying of hunger in the cities and towns. From Matanzas comes the sad story of Justo Serpa, his wife and four little girls, aged 6, 8, 10 and 12. Driven from their modest mountain retreat by a flying government guerrilla force, their hut was burned and they were compelled to flee to Union delos Reyes, about 12 leagues on foot.

At Sancti Spiritus a Cuban boy of 10 years is to be tried for killing a Spanish officer who insulted his sister. The officer was endeavoring to force an entrance to the girl's room at midnight, local papers say, when a shot from an adjoining window pierced his heart. As only the girl's mother and little brother were in the building the latter is accused of assassinating the officer.

### GIVEN HIS WALKING PAPERS.

Cripple Creek City Marshal Ordered Out of Town.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Aug. 3.—Jim Marshall, marshal of the city, has received his walking papers from an indignation meeting of citizens, who allege that he has been running the town for revenue only, and that his operations have netted him at the rate of \$20,000 a year by imposts on disreputable and on respectable people whom he arrested on frivolous charges. Marshall declines to go, and as he has a reputation of being quick with his revolver it may require some persuasion to induce him to leave. His notoriety is shared by Bob Mullen, formerly deputy sheriff, who has been acting as police judge and who is said to make a nice thing out of the situation. The pair has been notified by the bar association and the municipal league that the people are tired of them and that they had better leave forthwith or take the penalty. Marshall was at one time keeper of a dive at Kansas City, where the worst men of the country found shelter from the officers of the law. He was also indicted by the federal grand jury in Denver for train robbery and for a long time was out on bail with orders to report to the United States marshal every day.

### Fatal Fire in Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 3.—At a fire in the Anchor saloon last night Prof. Navoni, a well known musician, was smothered to death.

Captain Al Harris of the Fort Canby life saving crew, died last night. Harris had saved more lives than any other

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man on the coast during the past few years.

### Wool Commission Firm Assigns.

BOSTON, Aug. 3.—The wool commission firm of W. D. Eaton & Co. made an assignment for the benefit of creditors today. Joseph W. Spaulding is assignee. Liabilities are placed at \$240,000. No statement of assets has been given out. The failure is attributed to the poor condition of the market.

### Northern Pacific Lands Sold.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 3.—All the Northern Pacific railroad lands in Washington, comprising 11,902 sections of patented and an indefinite quantity of unpatented lands, were sold at public auction today.

The lands were bid in by President Winter for \$1,705,200.

### None But Ayer's at the World's Fair.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extraordinary distinction of having been the only blood purifier allowed on exhibit at the world's fair, Chicago. Manufacturers of other sarsaparillas sought by every means to obtain a showing of their goods, but they were all turned away under the application of the rule forbidding the entry of patent medicines and nostrums. The decision of the world's fair authorities in favor of Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as follows: "Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a patent medicine. It does not belong to the list of nostrums. It is here on its merits."

Otto Birgfeld is now ready to supply families with the celebrated Gambrinus keg or bottle beer, delivered free of charge to any part of the city. Telephone 34.

### Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination Wednesday, August 12, 1896, at 1 o'clock p. m. at the high school building, The Dalles, Oregon.

Dated this 3d day of August, 1896.  
C. L. GILBERT,  
County School Superintendent of Wasco Co. Oregon. td

**BUDS, Society buds, young women just entering the doors of society or womanhood, require the wisest care. To be beautiful and charming they must have perfect health, with all it implies—a clear skin, rosy cheeks, bright eyes and good spirits. At this period the young woman is especially sensitive, and many nervous troubles, which continue through life, have their origin at this time. If there be pain, headache, backache, and nervous disturbances, or the general health not good, the judicious use of medicine should be employed. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best restorative tonic and nerve at this time. The best bodily condition results from its use. It's a remedy especially indicated for those delicate weaknesses and derangements that afflict woman at one period or another. You'll find that the woman who has faithfully used the "Prescription" is the picture of health, she looks well and she feels well.**

In catarrhal inflammation, in chronic displacements common to women, where there are symptoms of backache, dizziness or fainting, bearing down sensations, disordered stomach, moodiness, fatigue, etc., the trouble is surely dispelled and the sufferer brought back to health and good spirits.

**"WOMAN'S ILLS."**  
Mrs. W. B. BATES of Detroit, Trumbull Co., Ohio, writes:  
"A few years ago I took Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription which has been a great benefit to me. I am in excellent health now. I hope that every woman, who is troubled with 'women's ills' will try the 'Prescription' and be benefited as I have been."

MRS. BATES.