LINCOLN STEFFENS STIRS POLITICAL SENSATION

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thanking the people for the confidence displayed and the honor bestowed was withdrawn and another substituted.

Mr. Bourne, however, kept the contract signed by Mr. Scott and was paid the $25,000 provided in it. He does not deny that he received the money or entered into the contract, but contends that the sum was paid him simply to reimburse him for the money he had spent in making the campaign for the office.

During the senatorial fight made under the direct primary law in 1907 by Mr. Bourne he relied on this contract to hold the Oregonian and its evening edition in line for his support, and repeatedly during the campaign when Mr. Scott showed signs of breaking away from him used it as a club to bring the two papers back to his aid.

W. M. Ladd denies that he had either direct or indirect knowledge of the contract existing between Jonathan Bourne and H. W. Scott, although ADMITTING that he acted as a go-between in the exchange of telegrams between Scott and those who were attempting to elect the Oregonian's editor to the United States senate.

The telegrams, the contents of which Mr. Ladd has entirely forgotten, were sent at noon preceding the night when Scott's name was proposed in the legislature as a candidate for the senatorship. For some time before, Mr. Ladd, T. B. Wilcox and others had exhausted every effort to further Scott's candidacy and defeat Fulton. Mr. Ladd did not hesitate to state this in his denial of having knowledge of the contract which existed between Scott and Bourne.

"I did not know there was such a contract in existence until Mr. Scott himself showed it to me in the advance sheets of the American Magazine Wednesday," he said. "He brought it to my office."

"How much did Mr. Scott subscribe to the $25,000 fund?" he was asked.

"I did not know there was a fund or that Bourne got anything," he answered.

"You knew, however, that Mr. Scott was anxious to be elected to the senate?"

"Yes, Mr. Wilcox and myself and others were doing all we could to elect Scott and defeat Fulton. Mr. Wilcox himself was in Salem."

Mr. Ladd then explained the exchange of telegrams.

"Mr. Wilcox sent a telegram to Scott through me at noon preceding the night when Scott's name was proposed in the legislature. I took the telegram to Mr. Scott and he wrote his answer on a piece of blank paper. I went to the telegraph office and transcribed the answer onto a telegraph blank and sent it to Mr. Wilcox."

"What was the telegram which Mr. Wilcox sent to Scott?"

"I have no recollection of it whatever. I don't remember."

"What was Scott's answer you transcribed onto the telegraph blank?"

"I have no recollection whatever of that. I don't remember what it was."

"Wasn't Mr. Wilcox's telegram a query asking if Scott would accept the terms of Bourne's contract?"

"I haven't any recollection of the matter."

"Wasn't the answer you sent for Scott an acceptance of the terms of that contract which Bourne had shown to a member of the legislature at h's headquarters in Salem?"

"I don't remember anything about it. I haven't any recollection of what the telegrams were."

During the latter months of the year just closed the Oregonian and the Medford Daily Tribune became engaged in a controversy concerning the Oregonian's political attitude. Mr. Scott took some exception to the statements made editorially by the Tribune's editor, George Putnam. On December 9, 1907, the Tribune published a lengthy editorial headed, "A Journalistic Pecksniff," in which the Scott-Bourne contract and the circumstances leading up to it were treated in some detail. In discussing this matter the Tribune wrote as follows:

Needed His Help.

"Referring to the senatorial election of 1903, the Oregonian says: 'Mr. Scott had no thought nor wish to be a candidate (for the senate) himself. He never desired the position, for he never felt that it was his proper place. But on the last night of the legislative session in February, 1903, through the urgency of many persons, Mr. Scott consented to allow his name to be brought before the convention; yet he no more expected the election than he had desired it. Had he wanted it, he would have taken measures in time to obtain it, and it would have been easy.

"'Mr. Scott had no thought nor wish to become a candidate.' Why then, did Mr. Scott wire to George E. Brownell on the last night of the session as follows: 'You have often expressed a desire to help me; if you do, now is the time.'

"Mr. Scott did not expect to be elected, he says. Then why was this apostle of truth so confident of his own election that he wrote a long editorial on that fateful February night that marked the death of the 1903 session, entitled 'The Election of Scott'? This editorial was set up, stereotyped and actually on the press, when the news came of Fulton's election, and the press had to be stopped and the editorial cut out.

"As a matter of fact Harvey Scott was a gumshoe candidate for the senatorship. There is nothing surprising or aught but laudable in that. The surprising fact is that he should find it necessary to so often needlessly deny what every member of the legislature of that days knows to be a fact.

"Then follows reference to the contract: 'In case I receive Jonathan Bourne Jr.'s support for United States senator at the joint session of the legislature tonight, I hereby agree to use the full power of the Morning Oregonian and the Evening Telegram to defeat John H. Mitchell at the next senatorial election and elect Jonathan Bourne, Jr., in his place.

"'I further agree that if I receive the support of Jonathan Bourne Jr. for United States senator in the joint session of the legislature tonight, that if elected I will turn all the federal patronage over to Jonathan Bourne Jr.

Still Further Agrees.

"'I hereby further agree, in lieu of receiving the support of Jonathan Bourne tonight at the joint session of the legislature, that whether elected or not I will pay to Jonathan Bourne $25,000 in United State gold coin.'

"At Senator Fulton's banquet four days later reference was made to the cost of a legislative campaign. The remarks passed showed plainly that all present were familiar with the raising of the $25,000 purse.

"Here's political purity from the one incorruptible source in Oregon."

Inside History.

"Some inside history in connection with this senatorial contest will shed a little light upon Mr. Scott's candidacy. F. W. Leadbetter, son-in-law of H. L. Pittock, one of the owners of the Oregonian, was in Salem the last of February, 1903, during the closing hours of the legislative session. He appeared in behalf of Harvey Scott, who as a dark horse was to be sprung as a senatorial candidate and elected at the eleventh hour. He carried a letter signed by Mr. Scott, which is reported by those who saw it to have contained the following:

"'I hereby authorize F. W. Leadbetter to act for me in all matters pertaining to the election of United States senator at the joint session of the legislature tonight. I will make good any contracts or agreements that he may make in my behalf. H. W. SCOTT.'

"The letter was read to a number of legislators whose support was sought. In some cases the reading was accompanied by the threat that the Oregonian and Telegram would dig political graves for those not lined up but would support those who voted for Scott."

Out of all these circumstances has the sensation of the Scott-Bourne contract sprung.

SOCIETY'S PREDICTION UNHAPPILY FAILS.

A romantic marriage which New York society predicted would be a happy one was broken when Janette Logan Bayles was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce against her husband, Howard Green Bayles, mining engineer and clubman of this city. The young couple were married only two years ago. The picture is from a recent photo of Mrs. Bayles, who will be given the right to resume her maiden name.

ALAMEDA JAP STARTS RIOT

Too Much Saki Encourages Honorable Yellow Peril to Valorous Deeds.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 22.—A riot followed the attempt of a Japanese to break up a celebration of Washington's birthday in Alameda this afternoon. Six hundred boys and young men and as many more adults had gathered at the corner of Chestnut street and Lincoln avenue at the invitation of "Baron" Alfred A. Baroteau, a well-known character of the city, to attend a much-advertised celebration of three birthday anniversaries—his own, George Washington's and that of a 2-year-old Japanese baby, Togo Toucho. Baroteau had arranged a flag-raising stunt with speeches and many good things to eat for the boys.

Close to the corner in the abode of about 15 Japanese, and in the midst of the festivities one of the sons of the mikado, apparently under the influence of saki, broke into the crowd of boys, began belaboring them right and left and finally ended up by striking one of the boys over the head with an empty soda water bottle.

At this crisis older men joined in the fight and an attorney named Taylor pounced on the belligerent Japanese and gave him a good beating. He retreated behind a high fence surrounding the house occupied by the Japanese and there was joined by two or three others of his countrymen, who with firearms stood off the crowd until the police arrived. Serious trouble was averted by cooler heads in the mob, but feeling was high in that section of Alameda last night and more violence may follow.

INCENDIARY FIRE IN CLEVELAND CITY HALL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cleveland, Feb. 22—That an incendiary started the fire which practically consumed Cleveland's city hall, causing a loss of nearly $70,000 and requiring a three hours' fight to save even the lower section of the structure, is a verdict announced tonight by the deputy warden. Suspicion is laid by the warden on some of the city's army of unemployed.

Last night's discussion by the city council of proposals to furnish employment to the hundreds of workingmen out of jobs, ending in the refusal of that body to vote an issue of $7,000,000 in scrip to pay for city work when there is no money in the treasury, is suggested as the incentive to the attempt to destroy the public building. The theory is advanced that someone who listened to the discussion from the galleries, concealed himself in the building and started the fire.

The fire started in a corner of the gallery, which ruined the two upper floors of the building.

WOMEN THROWN INTO WATER AT LAUNCHING

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cleveland, Feb. 22 — During the launching of the steel steamship John A. McGary at the shipyards this morning a platform gave way, throwing 30 women and several men into the water. They were rescued with difficulty. The women, most of whom live in Loraine, were guests of the company at the launching and they were standing on a special platform. As the ship slid into the water, the waves slipped a plank from under and threw all of them overboard.

LA FOLLETE CLUB AT IDAHO CAPITAL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Ida., Feb. 22.—A La Follette club has been organized in Boise and the following officers have been elected: President, L. W. Grubb; vice-president, H. C. Doolittle; secretary, S. E. Blaine. Regular meetings of the club are held every two weeks and the attendance at all is large. In the resolutions adopted by the club favoring the candidacy of La Follette for the presidency the policies of President Roosevelt are indorsed.

ROBBER HIDES LOOT BETWEEN BED SLATS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Boston, Feb. 22.—Between bedslats in a room at the Hotel Essex and in a Boston lodging house today, detectives found thousands of dollars' worth of loot which they claimed was gathered by James A. Baker, self-confessed "Raffles," now under arrest in New York, charged with a remarkable series of crime extending across the continent.

The plunder is said to have been hidden by Baker during a flying visit to Boston. According to his confession, he intended returning later to reclaim it.

ENGINEMEN TO HOLD MEETING AT PEORIA

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 22—A meeting of the joint protective boards of all railroads east of Chicago, to be held here March 2, was called today by Grand Master John J. Hanlahan of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

The meeting is called for the purpose of taking some action in regard to the possible readjustment of wages by the eastern railroads.

Idaho's Incorporation Taxes.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 22.—To date State Treasurer C. A. Hastings has collected $46,414.25 under the incorporation tax law passed at the last session of the Idaho legislature, and many corporations have not yet remitted. The penalty for failure to remit has been running since November 15.

EVERY KEY WILL REMAIN SILENT

Telegraphers at Banquet Plan to Commemorate Death of Morse.

To commemorate the death of Samuel F. B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, by the silence of every telegraph key in the country for five minutes on that date was the suggestion launched at a dinner of the Western Association of Old Time Telegraphers at the Hotel Lenox last night.

The idea is to be taken up by operators all over the country and is to be put into effect next April. Professor Morse died in April, 1872. As near as possible the exact time that the great inventor breathed his last will be selected for the time during which as a mark of respect and veneration every operator and every instrument will cease work for five minutes.

The plan was suggested by Alex Craib, secretary of the association, in a short address in which he referred to Morse as one of the greatest men of the world.

Morse's Last Message.

Morse's farewell message, sent by himself just before his death, on a composite circuit, will also be transmitted throughout the world on the date of the inventor's death. Morse's last message is as follows: "Greetings to the telegraph fraternity throughout the world; peace on earth, good will to men.—S. F. B. Morse."

Telegraphers are particularly proud of the fact that Professor Morse is the only American inventor who ranks with Galileo, Faust, Newton and others, and that he discovered also the wireless principle and sent wireless messages across the Potomac river, before Marconi was thought of.

Among others who attended the dinner last night were O. P. J. Plummer, the dean of the telegraph fraternity of the Pacific coast; John Henderson, who began operating in 1853, and J. S. Urquhart, who as a boy was complimented by Professor Morse and assured that he would succeed. Mr. Urquhart was working as a messenger boy at that time (1855), and one day Morse patted him on the head, and said that he had been watching him and was sure that he would not only become a good telegrapher, but that he would make a good man as well.

Operated During Crimean War.

Mr. Henderson told of his experiences as an operator on the frontier during the Crimean war, the wars in India and the great struggle between the north and the south. He began in 1853, and as a boy received $5 a month for his services.

Dr. Plummer spoke briefly and told of sending greetings to Professor Morse from the northwest when the telegraph was completed in this part of the country.

Other speakers were J. W. Hays, G. H. Thomas, Alex Craib, T. P. McKinney, B. S. Durkee, W. R. McGarry and William Ingold.

Those who attended the old timers' dinner and the year in which they began the business are as follows:

J. W. Hays, 1871; W. A. Robb, 1884; B. S. Durkee, 1884; T. P. McKinney, 1876; C. W. Lamar, 1886; William Ingold, 1883; W. A. Humphrey, 1880; H. W. Peterson, 1890; A. G. McClane, 1881; G. H. Thomas, 1878; J. S. Urquhart, 1854; O. P. S. Plummer, 1851; A. E. Beamer, 1882; Alex Craib, 1872; I. J. Keffer, 1892; W. H. Guild, 1898; William Adams, 1889; W. F. O'Brien, 1890; J. V. Reid, 1892; William Burt, 1889; B. F. Carl, 1871; B. J. F. Jones, 1876; John Henderson, 1853; William R. McGarry 1880.

Won World's Record.

B. S. Durkee is the man who went from the Pacific coast to New York in 1892 and won the world's record for receiving telegraph messages.

Ticks, dots and dashes were the features of the dinner, as the operators talked nothing but shop. But none of the secrets of the profession—the secrets involving pathos, happiness, business adventures and what not of the people of the world—were revealed.

AERONAUTS ARE NEARLY FROZEN

Leo Stevens and Leopold Forbes Suffer From Cold on 65-Mile Journey.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Wales, Mass., Feb. 22.—Aeronaut Leo Stevens and Leopold Forbes, the well-known New York sportsman, landed here at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, half frozen, after a 65-mile trip through the air from North Adams, Massachusetts.

In Mr. Stevens' famous balloon, No. 21, they made the ascension at 1:18 o'clock this afternoon. Stevens said it was the coldest trip he had ever made and his feet were nearly frozen. Some of the sand ballast they had with them was moist and it was necessary to use the anchor to pick it to pieces before they could use it. They reached a height of 1,300 feet, where it was comparatively warm, but did not remain in that altitude long.

MARYLAND URGES ITS GOVERNOR TO MARRY

Debating Society Takes Up Question of Matrimony, but Bachelor Is Upheld.

Baltimore, Feb. 22.—Maryland is doing its level best to marry off its governor, Austin L. Crothers. The governor moved into the executive mansion without taking a wife and to all suggestions made his only answer is: "I see."

Women think it a real shame that so good an opportunity to make one of them the first lady of the state is going to waste and that the governor has to borrow a hostess from among the women of families of his official staff when he gives a little function.

Indeed, up in Belair, the debating society composed of the town's conservative citizens, last week heard the spirited arguments of six debaters as to an expedient method for upholding the governor's official dignity.

The subject of the unique debate, which took place in a large hall, was: "Resolved, That Governor Crothers could better uphold the dignity of his office by getting married."

The affirmative was represented by three married men—Dr. Benjamin Smith, the Rev. John I. Yellott and William E. Robinson—and the negative was championed by three unmarried men—William P. Stedman, Charles H. McNabb and M. A. Reckford. After argument which lasted more than two hours, the case was given over to the judges composed of three married men and two bachelors. The five judges returned a verdict of "not guilty."

Chair Bargains.

Note the chair bargains in rockers and dining chairs in Gevurtz & Sons' ad. today.

Crowd-Bringing Bargains

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The king of bona fide price cutting sales will be in full blast beginning tomorrow morning. Thousands of dollars worth of seasonable goods of all kinds will be slaughtered this week for the most insignificant prices ever attempted for the high quality and splendid styles of the goods. Our bargain counters will groan beneath their loads of new offerings. The always busy Boston Store will be more than busy this week.

Men's Suits

We will sell some of the best known makes of fine clothing at prices that do not even hint at their worth.

$3.45—Broken lot up to $10 suits.
$5.95—A most elegant lot of dark and medium color up to $15 suits.
$7.95—Tailor made very dressy and splendid business up to $20 suits.
$9.85—Some opening styles sample suits, also medium and heavy, all colors, to $25 suits.
$11.85—Just take away these elegant custom finished suits worth up to $30.00.

Overcoats, Cravenettes

Two great lots of all colors and styles; we are going to clear them up, so here they go:
$7.45—Tailor made overcoats and cravenettes, very handsome, worth to $18.00.
$11.45—Extra quality tailor made improved goods, dressy and best styles, to $30 values.

Pants

Prices tell the tale; they must go:
79¢—For good dark color $1.50 pants.
$1.25—Best $2.00 pants.
$1.85—Tailor made, up to $3 pants.
$2.85—For $5 tan and dark corduroys with cuffs, all worsteds, etc., worth to $6.
10¢—Choice big lot odd vests, worth to $2.00.

Men's Underwear

15¢ for a broken lot, fancy 35c value.
19¢ for a big lot regular 40c goods.
29¢ for all 50c and 60c rib goods.
39¢ for an up to 75c rib and fleece.
50¢ for $1 value Blood rib wool.
$1.70—Skockton rib suit, red wool underwear.

Shirts

39¢ heavy black sateen and fancy negligee work shirts.
45¢ Extra quality best $1 work shirt.
$1.25—California flannel, all wool, all colors; values up to $3.50.

Men's Shoes

Great sales this week.
$1.45—For tap sole, full leather, $2.75 work shoes.
$1.65—Big, all sizes, dress and street, to $3 values.
$1.95—Sample lot patents, etc., to $4 values.
$2.19—Full 8-inch top, select leather, $4 values.
$2.68—Tan high top, double sole, $5 values.
49¢—Men's best $1 house slippers.
$1.45—Boys' tap sole, best $2.50 shoes.

Sox

8¢ for 15c quality black and tan sox.
12 1-2¢ for fancy, also black and tan, 25c sox.

Skirts

Great sale of medium colors—also black, blue, brown and gray and fancy materials. Advance spring bargains.
$2.95—Royal lot real good $5 skirts.
$3.95—Tailor made lot, elegant, to $6.50 skirts.
$4.95—Black Panama, also blue, brown and fancy values up to $8.50.

Shoes

50¢—Big lot house slippers and shoes to $1.50.
$1.75—Sample lot of dress and street styles—A most wholesome bargain event in good shoes, values to $3.50.

This week we will place on sacrifice sale big sample lots muslin underwear, bed spreads, table linens, towels, white and fancy waists, children's and women's hosiery, jackets, coats, etc. The entire agent's sample line of Boatmen Bros. Always depend on this store to save you money on anything you need in dry goods, clothing, etc., for men and women, boys and girls.

Lace Curtains

Housewives can always save big money at the Boston Store.
500 pair lace curtains at less than mill prices.
69¢—Splendid $1.35 values.
79¢—For Bedloe loose $1.50 curtains.
98¢—Full size $2.00 curtains.
$1.25 & $1.75—Elegant $2.50 and $3 lace curtains.

Silk and Crepe de Chine Waists

$1.45—Fancy designs black crepe de chine $3.00 waists.
$2.95—A splendid variety extra quality black and fancy all silk $6 waists.
39¢—For 75c night gowns.
19¢—For 35c corset covers.
75¢—For $1.35 white skirts.
19¢—For 35c value knit underwear.
15¢—For boys' and misses' knit or fleece 35c value underwear.

Bedding

59¢—Full weight fine drill $1 pillows.
59¢—For good size $1 comforters.
98¢—For best $1.65 comforters.
$1.85—For choice of 4 dozen $3 comforters.
$2.15—For sample lot made to sell at $3.50.

TREE CROSSES CHARGED WIRES

Italian Chopper Touches It and Dies—Comrades Narrowly Escape.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Kalama, Wash., Feb. 22.—An Italian whose name is unknown, working on the county road at Martin's Bluff, today felled a tree across electric wires carrying 6,600 volts. In removing the tree the Italian was instantly killed. His body was badly burned. A comrade endeavoring to remove the body was also badly burned, the current holding him fast to the dead man. He was rescued by a comrade, who caught hold of his coat and pulled him away.

BISHOP SATTERLEE DIES AT WASHINGTON

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—Right Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee, D. D., for five years Protestant Episcopal bishop of Washington, intimate friend of J. P. Morgan and spiritual advisor of President Roosevelt and his family, died at his home here today from pneumonia.

Although threatened with the grippe Bishop Satterlee officiated at the service last Sunday morning. Shortly afterward he became very ill and pneumonia developed. Although the distinguished patient's condition had been serious for several days it was not until last night that the anxious bedside watchers realized that the end was near. He died with the words, "Holy, holy, holy," upon his lips.

SAYS MORGAN TOLD OF STARVING LABOR MEN

Parisian Editor Defends Accuracy of the Interview With the Big Financier.

New York, Feb. 22.—Alexander Ular, editor of Le Petit Journal of Paris, has sent back word from that city that his interview with J. Pierpont Morgan, recently published, was true. In that interview Mr. Morgan was quoted as saying:

"Strike! They (the workingmen) have got no jobs now. There are no stocks on hand, you know. We do not want to take up work again now. So what can they do? They will have to submit or they will starve. The question is to be settled. They are to learn that they cannot control industry. We want wages that will make honest and profitable business possible."

Mr. Morgan denied that he had ever made use of any such words.

In reply, the French editor insists that he is right, and relates the circumstances under which the interview took place.

Mr. Ular says Morgan spoke so freely that he had no occasion to bring out points by questioning him. He says he had to interrupt Morgan once or twice to keep him on the right track of the subject they were discussing. Mr. Ular says he was struck by the conscious pride exhibited by Mr. Morgan, who, he said, spoke like a czar. Mr. Ular says he was also struck by Morgan's phrases, such as:

"Yes, it is all a social question, just as in Europe. The time has come when it must be settled. I want to settle it;" and, "I just dropped them down. I do not want such people and such kind of business in banking. I want banking to be put on a solid basis."

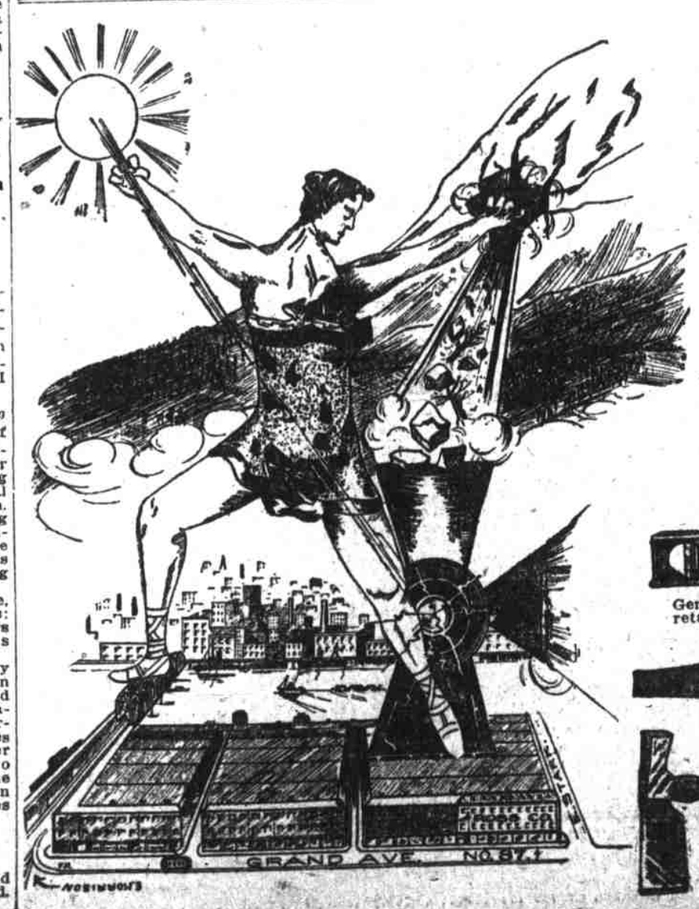
Mr. Ular says he wrote the interview the same night, while Morgan's words were fresh in his mind. Mr. Ular says Morgan impressed him as a strong, energetic, brainy man, wielding vast power, who regarded the recent crisis as useful to crush workmen's federations and the campaign against trusts.

When shown the last statement of the editor, Mr. Morgan declined to make any reply and said the incident was closed.

W. C. T. U. Medal Contest.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Barlow, Or., Feb. 22.—The silver medal contest held at Columbia hall in this town by the W. C. T. U. of Canby last evening was won by Crissie Tree of Canby. In about three weeks there will be another contest between Canby and Barlow, and it is expected that there will be two classes.



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