

**IS KILLING THE PARTY**  
Democrats Again Trying to Pull Bryan Down.

**CAN LEAD THEM ONLY TO DEFEAT**

Fault is Found With His Adhesion to the Chicago Platform and His Peculiar Expansion Views.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Another effort is being made to get Bryan to withdraw from the presidential canvass in the hope that the Democrats may have some slight chance of winning before the people this year. It is now known that a great many Democratic leaders have addressed letters to Bryan or to close friends of the Nebraska man, suggesting that in view of the fact that silver cannot win in the coming campaign, it might be well for the Nebraska man to get out of the way and allow some conservative man to be nominated. Fault is found not only with Bryan and his persistent adhesion to the Chicago platform, but also with the peculiar position he has taken in regard to expansion. Having advised the ratification of the treaty against the protests of the leading Democrats of the senate, he is now taking a position against expansion, and has gone so far in that direction that he has offended many Democrats of the South, while his former attitude in support of the treaty offended the extremists in the other direction.

It is not believed by the leading Democrats here that any advice that may be given Bryan on this subject will have the least effect, as they feel sure that he is determined to lead the Democracy, which, with him at its head, will be defeated worse than any party since Greeley's time.

Representative Tongue today called on the attorney-general to hasten action looking toward the construction of Salem's postoffice building authorized by the last congress. He learned that title to the site has been approved and that payment will be made in a few days. The supervising architect is about to prepare plans for the new building, and Mr. Tongue is using his best efforts to have provision made in the specifications for Oregon material, brick or stone. This matter has not yet been fully determined on, but it is expected local bidders will be given the preference.

**REGARDING THE THORN CASE**

Preliminary Examination of B. F. Harvey, the Brakeman.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 15.—Squire Vaughan's court was packed today by those interested and curious to hear the preliminary examination of B. F. Harvey, the brakeman who was placed under \$500 bonds last Saturday upon the charge of rape upon the person of Miss Minnie Thorn. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney L. T. Harris appeared for the state and Attorneys A. C. Woodcock and J. S. Medley for the defense. Miss Thorn, the victim of the dastardly crime, was the first witness on the stand. She is a modest looking girl of less than sixteen years, and from the first created a favorable impression, telling her story in a straightforward manner. Only once or twice during the recital of her pitiful story did she hesitate and then apparently from aversion to alluding to the disgraceful affair. The defense failed to break down her evidence on cross-examination, and when she was asked why she did not resist and cry for help, she stated that Patterson and Harvey, who

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she alleged forced her upon the car, threatened her life.

The examination of the witnesses took up the greater part of the day. The argument was strong on both sides, and consumed about two hours, the case resting with Judge Vaughan about 5 o'clock. The aged justice was not long coming to a decision, and immediately announced that he would hold the defendant to appear before the circuit judge of Lane county at the next term of court, in the sum of \$1000 bonds. Harvey expects Junction people to arrive on tomorrow morning's overland to fix his bond. Patterson has not as yet been heard from.

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**Waters are Booming.**  
LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 16.—As a result of the heavy snow in the mountains and the almost incessant rain for the last forty-eight hours, the Grand Ronde river has reached a higher mark on its banks than at any time during the freshets of last spring. It is feared here that damage will be done the new steel bridges recently completed by the O. R. & N. Co. There is already some washing at the ends, but no serious damage is yet reported.

The thaw and the heavy rains have made the valley roads practically impassable. The feeding of stock on the farms without waste is also very seriously handicapped. A January thaw at this altitude is an unusual occurrence, and old settlers report only two or three similar circumstances in the past twenty years.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton."

**Famous Picture Sold.**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—According to a cablegram from London, Sir Benjamin West's famous picture, "The Raising of Lazarus," which for over a century has hung in Westminster cathedral, has been sold for \$7500 for the new Protestant Episcopal cathedral in this city.

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**Bryan's Western Trip.**  
NORTH YAKIMA, Jan. 15.—Hon. J. D. Medill, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from William J. Bryan, who says it is not now certain whether he can visit this state in February, as he had intended. He promises to speak in North Yakima if he comes to Washington.

**BULLER'S MOVEMENT KEPT SECRET**

Nothing Will Be Made Known Until He Has Succeeded or Failed.

PRETORIA, Jan. 13.—As a result of the bombardment of Mafeking yesterday, the British fort at the east was demolished and the British retired. One Boer was wounded. Advice from the head laagar at Ladysmith report that the attack on that place January 6 was disastrous to the British and Ladysmith appears to be in some straits.

RENSBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 15.—The Boers this morning attempted to rush the hill held by a company of Yorkshires and New Zealanders, but they were repulsed at the point of the bayonet. The Boers had twenty-one killed and about fifty wounded.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—A complete absence of news from Natal up to this hour proves that the censorship will allow nothing to pass until Buller's plans are executed or have failed. Even General Roberts, in his report of yesterday evening, deferred from mentioning a word about Natal or Buller.

From other columns there is little news of movement. Modder river advices of yesterday's date only report the daily long-range shelling from which the Boers are supposed to have suffered severely.

A dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated January 15, reports that Gatscher's troops had made a demonstration beyond Molteno in the direction of Stromberg in the belief that the Boers intended to seize Molteno. The burghers were not sighted and the British remained at Molteno.

Arrivals from Stromberg estimate that there are 4500 Boers at that place, mostly revolted colonists and Free Staters. President Steyn's brother is the landroet. General French continues to shell Boer positions, but nothing decisive has taken place.

**Robbed the Grave.**

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver 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 '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 Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. 5

**Land Patent Approved**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The secretary of the interior has approved a patent of 19,638.63 acres in The Dalles land district, Or., to The Dalles Military Wagon Road Company, the land being on the canal list.

J. I. Bevry, Loganton, Pa., writes, I am willing to take my oath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Cure after doctors failed. It also cured my children of whooping cough." Quickly relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Children all like it. Mothers endorse it.

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All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$1.75, will be 1.32	All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$4.00, will be 3.00
All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$2.00, will be 1.50	All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$4.25, will be 3.18
All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$2.25, will be 1.67	All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$4.50, will be 3.38
All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$2.50, will be 1.88	All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$4.75, will be 3.58
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