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Say the Democrats of Illinois Will Not Carry a County.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 13.—Secretary of State Hinrichsen, chairman of the democratic state central committee, speaking of the national conference of silver men to be held at Washington August 14, said that Illinois would be represented by a large delegation of the leading and influential democrats. The free-silver feeling is stronger in this state, he said, than at the time of the free-silver convention. The gold democrats, he claims, could not carry a single county in the state. A free-silver democrat, according to his notion, would be named in the 18th district to succeed Representative Remann. Mr. Hinrichsen referred caustically to Mr. Cable, of Rock Island, and United States Senator Palmer. He said:

"In regard to the attempt of Mr. Cable to organize the gold forces in the state, I am informed Mr. Cable belongs to that class of men who in Illinois are big in Washington and in Washington are big in Illinois. I am satisfied that he and Senator Palmer and other administration men from this state have never fairly reported the true situation to the president. We have only one paper in Chicago calling itself democratic, and it is controlled by the administration at Washington. As to the coming elections in Illinois, Illinois will send a free-silver delegation to the national convention, and on a free-silver platform we will carry the state by 50,000 majority, while on a gold platform we will be as badly beaten as we were last fall."

Open Letter to Cleveland.

AUTUMWA, Aug. 13.—S. B. Evans, Cleveland's postmaster in his first term, and who was appointed by Cleveland consul to Nicaragua, is out in an open letter to the president scolding the federal office holders for their undignified action in the convention, bringing the civil service rules into contempt. In conclusion Mr. Evans says:

"The traditional policy of the Democratic party is for Washington to keep its hands off and let the people manage their own affairs, whether at the polls or in the nominating conventions. I believe in your integrity, Mr. president, and that you earnestly desire civil service reform; that you will not approve of the indecency of the men who, at Marshalltown, armed with your commissions took advantage of their places and triumphed over their fellow Democrats, and then in stinging words taunted them with the humiliation of defeat. This letter is of public concern, and with the hope that your disapproval of such methods will be so expressed as to prove a lesson to those who, temporarily clothed in authority, would make your administration rules a farce and Democracy a sham in the sight of honest men."

Italian Rioters.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 13.—A hundred and fifty Italians employed on the excavation conducted in Allegheny struck yesterday for an advance of twenty-five cents a day. Other men were secured to take their places and today the strikers tried to drive the new men from the work. Stones, clubs and revolvers were freely used and two Italians had their heads split open. The mob was dispersed by the police.

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KILLED HIS FATHER.

Probably a Double Tragedy at North Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Aug. 13.—Charles McGonigle, a man 30 years old, is in jail in this city; his father is a corpse, and Blacksmith Eaves is at the point of death; all the result of an aspersion of the character of Eaves' daughters by young McGonigle. The shooting occurred late Monday night, and the coroner's jury investigated it at the McGonigle ranch, seven miles from the city, and brought in a verdict charging the young man with killing his father.

The facts are that Charles McGonigle had told the neighbors that, in his belief, the Eaves girls were not virtuous, and had further ordered his adopted sister to have nothing to do with them. He had also caused to be printed in a local paper a story reflecting upon the character of the Eaves girls. Mr. Eaves, Sunday night, drove to the McGonigle ranch, distant some two miles, to have a retraction. He was accompanied by his wife and one of his daughters. Upon nearing the house he saw Charles McGonigle, and called him to the gate. He came, but said he would stand by any remarks he had made. The Eaves family alighted from the wagon and entered the gate together. McGonigle ran. The Eaves people went to the house, knocked and were invited in. The wife and daughter entered, Mr. Eaves remaining on the stoop, in front of the door. He talked a moment or so; said he came to see Charles, and refused to enter, and stepped off the stoop. Old man McGonigle came around the corner of the house at this moment. Eaves approached him and put his hand on McGonigle's shoulder in a friendly way, and said he had come to see why Charles had circulated scandals about his daughters. A rifle at the rear at this time cracked, and McGonigle fell and died in a few minutes, shot through the intestines. Eaves fled into the house and extinguished the light. Charles advanced to the house door, and, seeing Miss Eaves in a room, said:

"What are you doing there?"

He then fired at her, but she stepped aside, and the bullet struck Eaves in the groin. Eaves fires a small revolver at Charles, but missed. The latter then went to a neighbor's house and gave himself up, saying he had shot his father accidentally.

McGonigle was a man of 60, and Eaves is 40. The family of the dead man testified that he said: "Eaves killed me," as he fell; but there was no corroborative testimony to this effect.

In justice to the Eaves girls, it should be said that they are quite genteel, comparatively well educated, and have always borne good reputations. Neither family has been here two years. There is small hope of Eaves recovering.

Cuba a Republic.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Cubans in this city are delighted at the news that a provisional government has been formed in Cuba, with representative men as its officials. Colonel De Queralta, a prominent Cuban patriot, said:

"The President elect, General Masco, is a Cuban to the core of his heart. He is a native of Manzanillo and the owner of vast property in Cuba. General Masco is about 55 years of age and has a record as a soldier. In the revolution of '68 to '78 he was commander of an important division and distinguished himself on the field. Joaquin Castillo, who has been selected as diplomatic agent to the United States, is well known in New York and is extremely popular. All the men selected for the new government are capable and brilliant Cubans and regard their elections as significant of a glorious epoch in the history of our island."

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A FIAT MONEY MAN.

Populist Peffer Has No Use for Silver.

CARLISLE'S SLAP AT FIELD.

A Dakota Defaulting Treasurer Pleads Guilty.

EMPORIA, Kas., Aug. 13.—Senator Peffer has written a letter in which he declares against silver and comes out strongly for a currency based on land values only.

A Beam Falls.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—A huge iron beam fell from the top of the Coliseum in course of erection at Sixty-third street near Cottage Grove avenue this afternoon, instantly killing Sam Karnee and R. M. Neal.

Big Thief Sentenced.

PIERRE, So. Dak., Aug. 13.—Defaulting State Treasurer W. W. Taylor pleaded guilty to embezzlement of \$367,023 24 in Judge Gafferey's court today and will be sentenced tomorrow.

AN EDITOR'S NOTES.

And Observations From a Trip to Puget Sound.

SEATTLE, Aug. 11.—A goodly train load left Salem as usual last Wednesday morning when we started out for a short tour of Puget Sound. Among the celebrities on board were Gov. Moody and the Eugene foot racer. The former executive of our state was on his way to The Dalles, and had in charge a bright little boy from the orphan's home at Salem, taking him to a permanent home in Eastern Oregon. The printer, Mr. Philpot, was under escort of Den Linton, of Eugene and the Washington penitentiary warden. He was also being taken to a permanent home—for an unexpired term of two years at least.

Prof. Sara Brown was on board, bound via the Canadian Pacific for Bangor, Me., whence she was called by a telegram from her father to "come home at once—sickness." The unfortunate young lady was starting out on her long journey in the dark as to who she was going to see, and did not feel sure that she would return to Oregon.

Miss Edith Shriver, of the Salem steam laundry, was going to Seattle for a much deserved rest and to visit her sister, Mrs. Geo. Berryhill.

At Portland we met H. H. Ragan, the popular Salem grocer, on his return from Indiana, whence he had been called by the illness of his aged mother. He had been at the old home only an hour when he received a telegram calling him back to the bedside of his wife at Salem. When in Portland he did not know whether either was alive. His distress must have been terrible.

At Seattle Salemites certainly feel at home for there are scores of Oregon people located here. The first day after our arrival we spent on the opposite side of Lake Washington and upon our return found a score of cards at our hotel, including those of friends from Oregon as well as the east. Among the ones most prized were those of Mrs. J. G. Wright and daughter, Mrs. Rosenberg. As the next two days were booked for an overland trip to Snoqualmie Falls, we were satisfied with Mrs. Wright's company to the "Old Homestead" in the evening and a day programmed to see the dredger and Seattle's beautiful parks, of which I will write later. A. F. H.

Maurice Binford, of the Northwest Pacific Farmer, going to Ashland on a wheel in the interest of his paper, and to write up the farm and fruit interest on the road, passed through Salem today. Mr. Binford expects to be gone over a month.

OUR RESERVE IS LOW.

But Heavy Gold Withdrawals Not Looked for.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The treasury yesterday lost \$1,650,000 in gold for export to Europe, leaving the reserve about \$1,300,000 above the hundred million point.

Mr. Curtis, acting secretary, said he had no specific information and could not say whether the syndicate would allow the \$100,000,000 to be encroached upon or not. This heavy withdrawal has given rise to a report that another bond issue is impending, but there is no one in Washington who can speak authoritatively on the subject or who has any information not shared by the public.

The best opinion is that the syndicate will not allow the reserve to be encroached upon until after October 1, when, as generally understood, their obligation ceases. But even in event of still further withdrawals it is believed that president Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle would see the reserve reach a point below any that it has yet touched before before they would take any steps to recoup it by another sale of bonds or purchase of gold.

The best judgment obtainable here is there will be no bond issue or extra session of congress except in the event of heavy withdrawals which are not looked for.

Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows an available cash balance of \$163,857,210. Gold reserve \$102,952,363.

Peace in Brazil

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The Herald correspondent in Rio de Janeiro telegraphs that the peace has been restored in Rio Grande, do Sul. A military officer is now on his way from Rio Grande, do Sul to Rio de Janeiro. He bears the protocol containing the peace terms which it has been agreed shall be offered to congress for approval as a final settlement of the difficulty in that state.

The government of Brazil, in furtherance of the Trinitade episode, has asked the government of Uruguay for a copy of the bill of health of the warship Barracouts, which arrived in port from the Montevideo island last January. It is reported to Brazil that when the Barracouts reached her anchorage the health officer received documents signed by the doctor on board the warship, who had been named as health officer of the island of Trinitade by the captain of the Barracouts, who looked upon the island as British territory. No notice was taken by the authorities of Uruguay of the fact that Brazil claims Trinitade island as her own possession. The action of Uruguay is regarded by Brazil as savoring of subterfuge.

Confidence Restored.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Controller W. K. Akerman, who is recognized as one of the leading financiers of Chicago, retired from office in that city on the election of a Republican mayor. "Confidence has been restored," he said last night, "and so far as I can see, nothing will happen soon to disturb it. We sold some bonds recently to a New York firm at a higher price than we ever before received. The criterion of prosperity is a brisk retail trade. All through the West the country merchants are stocking their stores and buying for a big trade this fall. Another thing, too, shows that business men generally feel that the depression has ended, and that is the reason for the voluntary advance in wages which has been made. Then, too, the crops are going to turn out as they never have. I should not be surprised if we harvest 2,600,000,000 bushels of corn."

Chicago Democrats and the West would like to see Whitney at the head of the ticket. The republicans will nominate Allison."

China Heard From.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The following cablegram, signed by the Chinese foreign office at Tsun Yamen, was received at the Chinese legation today: "No Americans were injured in the recent riot. Think several Englishmen were. Five rioters have been arrested."

This is the first official information received at the legation concerning the recent riot. The officials of Legation maintained strenuously that the Chinese government will exercise every effort to bring the guilty to justice.

WE WILL INVESTIGATE

A Commission Is to Be Raised Immediately.

THE AMERICAN MINISTER ACTS

With the British and Chinese Authorities.

WASHINGTON, August 13.—Advices have been received at the state department that Mr. Denby is consulting with the British and Chinese authorities relating to a full and complete investigation of the riots at Ku Cheng. A commission is being formed and the state department has given instructions which will cause the ministers to neglect nothing that will insure better protection of the interests of Americans at Ku Cheng. He will also with Co-Operation Admiral Carpenter, take steps to prevent further riots and protect American interests should any new occasion arise.

Will Build for Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—Irving M. Scott, president of the Union Iron works, which turned out the Olympia and other crack American cruisers, will soon go to Japan to bid on the contracts for building men-of-war for the Japanese navy. The recent achievements of American warships is said to have impressed the Japanese strongly and now that British firms are able to underbid American companies only 10 per cent instead of 50 per cent as formerly, Mr. Scott believes he will be able to secure a number of contracts. The feeling of the Japanese government is shown in the following statements recently made to an American by the secretary-general of the imperial cabinet:

"You are building the swiftest and most formidable cruisers known. Besides that you have invented an armor plate for your battlehips which Russia has chosen for hers, in competition with all the armor plate in Europe. Our government seeing all these achievements and recalling the fact that America has twice revolutionized the nations of the world by her infinite capacity for invention, first by creating the ironclad and then the turret, is strongly disposed to draw upon American shipyards for a part of its navy. Why should we not depend upon you for the best? Besides doing the things I have spoken of the United States has built the finest clipper ships and the fastest yachts. Your country leads whenever she wants to, in naval construction, both of peace and war. Besides America buys so much of us and is our historic friend and well-wisher. For one I sincerely hope that American ship builders will bid for our contracts." Mr. Scott will carry letters, it is said, not only from the secretary of the navy but from the Japanese minister at Washington.

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