

Speaker Blaine Did Not Know. PATRIOTIC ADDRESS.

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In 1878, in the United States senate, having under consideration house bill No. 1093 for the demonetization of silver, Hon. James G. Blaine said of the act of 1873, demonetizing silver:

Mr. Blaine. "The truth is, nobody cared about it; there was no general attention called to it. We are all a great deal wiser about it today than we were then. Let us all be equally frank. We were in pure and absolute ignorance of that whole subject. It was not known."

Mr. Voorhees. "Was the senator from Maine equally ignorant with the rest of us? If he will say he was we shall be somewhat content."

Mr. Blaine. "I do not mean ignorance of this particular provision, but I mean ignorance of its effect. At that time there was no attention called to the silver question; there was no dollar circulating."

Here followed a personal colloquy with Senator Voorhees that is not essential. We continue:

Mr. Blaine. "Undoubtedly it was legislation conforming to the then existing state of facts. I think now very clearly, with the light before me, that it was a great blunder. I think that then was the time, if the senator from Indiana and myself could have foreseen what we now see, for this government to place the ratio at 16 to 1; and if it had done so at that time, when silver was a little above gold, had gone upon the basis of the French mint, and had united with the Latin union, we should not have had this trouble now."

Blaine then pays a tribute to the ability of Mr. Hooper, of Massachusetts. Mr. Voorhees. "I want to ask my friend from Maine, whether I may call him as one more witness to the fact that it was not generally known that silver was demonetized? Did he know as speaker of the house, presiding at that time, that the silver dollar was demonetized in the bill to which he alludes?"

Mr. Blaine. "I did not know anything that was in the bill at all. As I have before said, little was known or cared upon the subject. Did he know?" Mr. Voorhees. "I very frankly say that I did not. I do not claim to have been as attentive a participant in the proceedings of the house at that time as perhaps others were. I cite names, however, of men whose business at the heads of committees called them to look especially after matters of this kind. I cite such men as Garfield, and the senator from Maine himself, and the senator from Massachusetts, Mr. Dawes, as proof that THE BILL DEMONETIZING THE SILVER DOLLAR WAS NOT READ, AND ITS PROVISIONS NOT KNOWN IF IT WAS READ."

Mr. Blaine and Mr. Voorhees continued the controversy over the bill for some time, over the question whether it was stealthily and furtively passed in the house when the senator from Ohio said:

Mr. Thurman. "I cannot say what took place in the house, but I know when the bill was pending in the senate we thought it was simply a bill to reform the mint, regulate coinage and fix up one thing and another, and there is not a single man in the senate, I think, unless a member of the committee upon which the bill came, who had the slightest idea THAT IT WAS EVEN A SCINT TOWARD DEMONETIZATION."

Chairman Decided Upon.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 25.—It has been practically settled by the executive committee of the national Democratic party that the temporary chairman of the convention shall be taken from the east and the permanent chairman from the south. Several names were mentioned, but the plan seems to make Bourke Cockran, of New York, temporary chairman and Donelson Caffrey, of Louisiana, permanent chairman.

The statement made in the east that Henry Watterson would accept the nomination for president under certain considerations attracts wide attention. It is conceded that the old democrats of Kentucky will be important factors in the convention and they may be able to swing the convention for Watterson.

The Harrisburg Review says that at least two-thirds of the hops in that vicinity will remain unpicked owing to the low price offered for them.

A Revolting Crime.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 25.—A female child of premature birth was found yesterday about noon, a mile south of this place, alongside the railroad track, dead. It was found by a tramp, who carried it here, and turned it over to the coroner. From bruises on the body and marks on the ground where it was found, it is pretty certain it was thrown off the southbound overland train.

Whitney—Vanderbilt.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 25.—Wedding of Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Mr. Harry Payne Whitney, the oldest son the former secretary of the navy, W. C. Whitney took place 12 yesterday at "The Breakers," Vanderbilt summer residence. The wedding was a disappointment to society here, owing to its simplicity.

WEATHER FORECAST.—Tonight and Wednesday fair.

The Bimetallists Talk to the Masses.

A POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN.

Organization and Education to Be Relied Upon.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—An address was issued today, to the "friends of bimetallism in the United States" signed by A. J. Warner, president of the American bi-metallic union and George E. Bowen, secretary. After declaring the importance of the silver question in the present campaign, the address says: "The contest is now on and it can only be settled at the polls. To this end the decision may be right and the American bi-metallic union strongly urges the formation of silver clubs and leagues in every state, county, city, town and school district in the union. To all interested in the cause we say organize. Our means are limited and the wealth of the country is arrayed almost solidly against us, but we will aid in the work of organization and education to the utmost of our ability."

Illinois Gold Standard Democrats.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—The Democratic gold standard state convention was called to order, this afternoon, by Chairman C. A. Ewing, of the state committee. About one thousand delegates were present, representing every county in the state. The following ticket was unanimously agreed upon at the caucus, held last night. Governor, General John C. Black; lieutenant-governor, Chester Babcock; attorney-general, William S. Forman; state treasurer, Edward Ridgeley; secretary of state, L. J. Kadeski; auditor, F. E. W. Brinke.

In the Catskills.

NEW GRAND HOTEL, (Summit Mountains), Aug. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Bryan arrived here at 10:30. Along the way people from boarding and farm-houses presented Mrs. Bryan with flowers.

Secretary Francis.

BUZZARDS BAY, Aug. 25.—President Cleveland has appointed ex-Governor D. R. Francis, of Missouri, secretary of the interior, vice Hoke Smith, resigned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Secretary Smith said today.

"I will retire from office, September 1. It is my purpose to return to Atlanta at once. My resignation was due alone to the fact that I intend to support Bryan and Sewall."

Governor Francis, Secretary Smith's successor, will reach Washington some time before Tuesday.

Republican Convention.

SARATOGA, Aug. 25.—The state Republican convention, to nominate candidates for governor and lieutenant-governor, met here today. When Platt entered the convention hall the entire assemblage rose. The applause was deafening. Congressman Frank Black was chosen temporary chairman.

Republican League.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 25.—Delegates to the Republican league were slow in assembling at exposition hall. It was nearly noon before President McAlpin called the convention to order. After the addresses of welcome and responses, President McAlpin delivered the annual address.

Oregon Politics.

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—The Democratic and Populist campaign committees are in conference here today, for the purpose of fusing on the electoral ticket. It is thought that a fusion can be easily accomplished on a basis of two electors to each.

TWO TERRIBLE WRECKS.

Coming Down a Steep Hill the Brakes Break.

FREDERICK, Md., Aug. 25.—Forty persons were more or less injured by the brakes of a trolley car falling to work last evening on the steep incline on the Frederick & Middleton electric railway. The line was opened last Thursday and yesterday a large number of excursion parties from this city made the trip.

The car on which the accident occurred started from Braddock Heights at the top of Catoctin mountain at 7 o'clock. W. Manz was the motorman, and Keafavre the conductor. There were over a hundred passengers on board, many more than its capacity.

A 3-mile hill was before them. Just before reaching a trestle over a ravine fifty feet deep the car gave a lurch, the window panes split from the strain and it seemed that the timbers would break. Over the trestle the car flew at a terrific speed. The women and children screamed and several tried to leap to what would have been certain death, but the men clung to the sides of the car and held them back. The motorman tried to reverse, but the trolley slipped the wire and he was powerless.

Another Wreck.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 24.—A wreck on the Pittsburg & Western railroad, at Valencia, 22 miles west of here at noon yesterday, resulted in the destruction of three passenger coaches, 18 freight cars and the injury of 25 passengers, five of whom will probably die.

The wreck was a peculiar one and one which involved three trains—the local freight, No. 25, the through freight, No. 2, and the eastbound passenger, No. 4.

The train was standing at Valencia station, unloading freight, when the through freight came to the top of the grade, just east of Valencia. The engineer, on the lookout for No. 25, put on the airbrakes, but they refused to work and his train went crashing into the local. Just at the time the two freights collided, the passenger came along, on the eastbound track, and was struck by the freight cars, which were derailed, at that moment.

The first passenger coach, in which were many ladies, was crushed by a carload of oil-well tubing. The tubing was thrown with terrific force in every direction.

Hobart in Chicago.

CANTON, O., Aug. 24.—Garrett A. Hobart, Republican nominee for vice president, arrived in Canton this forenoon, accompanied by H. H. Kohlsaat, editor Chicago Times-Herald. It is understood the two candidates are considering their letters of acceptance. McKinley's letter will be given out about Thursday.

Maine Republicans.

OLD ORCHARD, Me., Aug. 25.—The Republicans of Maine, according to custom, held a grand rally here this afternoon, at which were gathered thousands from all over the state, as well as other parts of New England. Among the speakers were Hon. Thos. B. Reed and Hon. Lee Fairchild.

Washington Gold Dems.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 25.—State convention of gold Democrats met in this city at noon. After the organization and appointment of committees they adjourned to 2 p. m.

Platt Refuses.

SARATOGA, Aug. 25.—Thomas C. Platt this morning refused positively, to allow the use of his name in connection with the gubernatorial nomination. He said he would not accept it if nominated.

Fleeing for Their Lives.

CHANNING, Mich., Aug. 25.—The city of Ontonagon, Mich., is burning and the people are fleeing for their lives. A special train has been sent from Green Bay.

CASTORIA is an every day necessity. *Castoria* is an every day necessity.

CUBA MUST BE FREE

So Says Gomez the Insurgent Commander.

CUBAN METHOD OF WARFARE.

The General Says It Is Necessary to Insure Success.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Herald this morning published the following correspondence from Santa Ana, Cuba, under date of August 13:

In speaking of the attitude of the United States toward Cuba and the possibility of President Cleveland recognizing the belligerency of the insurgents, General Gomez said:

"I have forbidden the discussion of the subject in my camp. For weeks men fairly held their breaths waiting word from Washington. It was a waste of time. Long ago I realized we must fight this war alone and unaided. We can win our independence while the executive of the United States is considering the question of our possible belligerency."

"I have no doubt of the sympathy of the American people as a whole. In fact, I have the best evidence of their good will. Many Americans are fighting in my ranks, and good, true men they are. The chief of our artillery is an American from Boston and no braver man lives."

"How long do you think the war will continue?"

"I prefer not to appear in the guise of a prophet. I leave that to General Weyler," was the response.

"You are confident of success in the end?"

"As certain of it as I am that Cuba is an island, but I must fight the battle my own way. I know that we are called guerrillas; that some people marvel because we prefer to fight from ambush, but we are in this war to win. Ammunition is scarce and I think I know how to use it to advantage. Cuba is ours now. It is true the Spaniards hold most of the seaport cities and some of the interior towns, but in the latter they are getting very tired. We don't let them stop much, and now we will see that they do less. The city of Puerto Principe is hungry now; Guanarino is suffering and Victoria de las Tunis is nearly starved. Sabanco is abandoned. The cattle of Camaguey and Santiago de Cuba provinces are out of the reach of the Spaniards, and from this time forth there will be no more carrying of fruit and vegetables into the cities by packtrains. We will have no more pacificos. Every man on this island must be for Cuba or for Spain."

"I have requested the French coffee-growers who did not care to take up arms for common liberty to take a little vacation in France. Some have obeyed. It will not be for long. If they remain unmolested by my forces Spain will grow suspicious and destroy their estates as she has those of Americans whom I tried to protect."

"Will there be this coming fall any exceptions made in your order against grinding cane?"

"Not one," replied the general. "Nothing will be tolerated which will yield revenue to Spain. Lack of money is Spain's weak point, and I am going to take advantage of it. I have no desire to destroy property but Cuba must be free. But I will have no more of barter. Communication between the country and cities held by Spanish troops is now cut off and will so remain. Their only hope of relief must come from convoys, and ever waiting for the enemy's convoys are our ambuscades."

"All our fights are not from ambush, however," he continued. "The battle of Saratoga, which lasted four days and nights was anything but an

ambush. General Castellano had more than 2000 men while we made the attack with a force of less than 600; not my old trained veterans, who I left in the West, but comparative recruits, hastily got together in Canagney.

"The Spanish fired 55,000 rounds, according to their own report. We fired about 12,000. There were nearly 300 graves, only 14 of which were Cubans, and yet, according to Havana reports, they always drive us out of our camps, kill many and capture a quantity of our ammunition. My men may not be possessed of superior marksmanship, but they fire at a hollow square or at a mass, while our lines, being so extended, permit most of the Spanish bullets to pass between us."

"They say we won't come out and fight," said General Gomez, with a laugh. "Why have they built a wire fence around the city of Puerto Principe if not to prevent our chasing them into their holes?"

STATE NEWS.

Astoria's veteran exempt firemen are forming a company.

The Pendleton brewery has been sold to Washington parties.

Baker County will be represented at St. Paul by a large exhibit of mineral product.

Snow fell in the mountains east of Long Creek, in Grant county, last Monday, which is rather unusual for August.

A correspondent in the Albany Democrat complains of seven saloons that are being conducted up the O. C. & E. road that pay no license.

The next public holiday in Oregon, as provided by an act of the legislature of 1893, is labor day—the first Monday in September. It is a non-judicial day.

The cannery on the Siletz, at Kernville, is now in operation, and has already packed several hundred cases of salmon. The fish are said to be in very good condition.

The woodwork on the building for the Liverpool flour mill at Corvallis is now completed and a force of millwrights are now fitting up the machinery of the mill.

The Blue Mountain Telephone & Telegraph Company's lines, poles, right-of-way, franchises, etc., are advertised to be sold by sheriff of Umatilla county, on Saturday, August 29.

It is reported that The Dalles will have another daily paper. It will bear the title Daily Dispatch, and will commence operations the first week in September, with J. G. Miller editor and proprietor.

Southern Oregon buyers are still shipping thousands of sheep to San Francisco by the coasting steamers Alice Blanchard and Empire. The steamers take down about 1000 each trip. Port Orford is the principal shipping point.

Mrs. M. M. Isham, a pioneer lady, died in Harrisburg yesterday. Her death was sudden, as she had always enjoyed the best of health. Mrs. Isham was a most estimable lady, and well and favorably known. She leaves four children to mourn her death.

The city marshal of Union, Or., has decided to enforce the law which does not permit stock to roam at large in the streets of the city. He made his first raid on the trespassing stock last Wednesday and captured 50 head in various parts of the city.

Times are livelying up at the Locks. The contractors have begun dredging at the upper end of the canal, and have put 40 stonecutters at work. The recent high water uncovered a fine quarry of granite on the bank of the river just north of the stone shed, which is being prepared for the inner walls of the canal.

Hop contracts for 110,000 pounds have thus far been filed with the Lin county clerk. In years heretofore but few hops have been contracted in this country, but this year the inability of growers to obtain picking money has compelled them to contract. A number of yards have not been cultivated, the owners not intending to pick.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

A CRIMINAL RECORD

Rival Lovers Settle an Affair Satisfactorily.

TWENTY VICIOUS ROUNDS.

Various Other Items of Interest of the Day.

MADISON, Fla., Aug. 25.—George Page and Will Morgan, young men living near here, Saturday night fought one of the most remarkable duels on record. For six months Page and Morgan have been rivals for the affections of a pretty young lady. Last night both attended a dance at which the young lady was present. Her conduct soon drove the rivals to desperation. Finally Page invited Morgan to accompany him for a walk. Morgan consented and as soon as they were outside Page proposed that as each was armed, they take each other by the left hand and shoot out the quarrel, the survivor to take the girl. Morgan agreed, and then with left hands clasped they drew pistols and they began firing. Each man fired five shots. When friends arrived Morgan was found dead and Page was dying.

Fought Out Their Quarrel.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 25.—Frank Delate and Antone Johnson, two muscular young men, of Haywards, fought 20 vicious rounds, at Heller's ranch, yesterday afternoon. The fight was stopped by a sheriff's posse, and its action saved Johnson from a knockout. The young men quarreled some time ago over a young lady, and the agreement to fight was reached a few weeks ago. They both trained and all the details were arranged in a manner quite conventional.

Both men weighed in at about 120 pounds, and the fight was lively. Johnson did all the landing, in the first few rounds, and in the fifth scored a clean knock-down. Delate recovered and in the sixth shut one of Johnson's eyes with a straight left. He followed it up, and until the 14th hammered Johnson all over the ring, punishing him terribly. In the 14th, spurred by his friends, Johnson fought very roughly. In the 15th Delate was again to the front, and until the interference came in the 20th, had things all his own way.

Fatal Sparring Bout.

VAN BUREN, Ark., Aug. 25.—While sparring Emile Williams was hit on the left breast by Will Clark and sank down and died immediately.

For Criminal Assault.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 25.—A young man named William Parkhill was arrested for making a criminal assault upon a nine-year-old girl named Lily Frank.

Murdered by Tramps.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 25.—Saturday, two tramps went to a section-house near the Texas line, and murdered Mrs. Halloran, wife of the section foreman, robbed the house of \$80 and \$1500 in pay checks of the Fort Worth & Denver, and fired the section-house, which was destroyed, partly cremating Mrs. Halloran's body. This information comes from the Fort Worth & Denver office, and a later message says one of the tramps was arrested.

Circulate Bryan's speech.

New York Racket.

is receiving goods of all kinds direct from New York, bought from one of the largest establishments of the kind in the world. All their goods are bought for cash, and sold for cash. Those buying from such a house get their goods cheaper than in an ordinary time house; that is clear. We are also able to sell our goods at cheaper rates, that also is clear.

We keep a large line of laces, embroideries, lace curtains, bed spreads, linen and cotton towels, crash, table linen, ladies vests, and all kinds of underwear, corsets, white and work shirts, suspenders, hosiery, purses, combs, brushes, and a large line of notions of all kinds, call and see for yourselves, we sell at close prices.

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