

CLOSES ITS SESSION AND ADJOURNS.

American Bar Association Ends Its Meeting Yesterday.

Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

Work Cut Out for the Committee on Jurisprudence, and a Resolution Adopted Recommending Three Years' Study Before Admission to the Bar—Chief Justice Russell Pronounces a High Eulogy on the Association and Its Work.

SARATOGA, Aug. 21.—When the American Bar Association convened at 10:30 this morning for their concluding day's session the first business taken up was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The officers elected were: President, James M. Woolworth of Omaha, Neb.; Secretary, John Hinkley of Baltimore; Treasurer, Francis Rawle of Philadelphia. Executive Committee—Alfred Hemenway of Boston, Charles Clavin Allen of St. Louis, William E. Howe of New Orleans.

A Vice-President for every State in the Union and members composing the local council in each State was also elected. The report of the Executive Committee relative to the establishment of a section on insurance as proposed by Judge Howe of New Orleans, which was passed over yesterday, was taken up. It was lost by a vote of 85 to 23.

General E. F. Bullard of New York moved the following: Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law Reform, the question whether the law in regard to fellow servants should not be so amended as to further protect laboring men from the result of negligence caused by persons unknown to them and over whom they have no control.

Carried by a vote of 71 to 27. A resolution was adopted providing that the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law Reform be requested to report to the assembly the best method of preventing the enactment of hasty and ill-considered legislation in general and hasty laws.

Emil McClain of Iowa City moved: "That the American Bar Association approve the lengthening of a course of instruction in law schools to a period of three years and that it express the hope that as soon as practicable a rule be adopted in each State which will require candidates for admission to the bar to study law for three years before applying for examination."

Adopted without debate. Invitations were received from Saratoga Springs, Indianapolis and Denver for the association to meet in 1897. Referred to the Executive Committee.

The association completed its labors at 12:45 o'clock and adjourned sine die. At 3:30 this afternoon the closing session of the section on legal education was called. Austin G. Fox of New York read a paper on "Two Years Experience of New York State Board of Law Examiners."

J. W. Powell of Washington presented a paper on "Study of Primitive Institutions." At the conclusion of the papers and during the discussion which followed Lord Russell, who occupied a seat on the platform, arose, and after referring to the paper of Major Powell, said with reference to the paper of Mr. Fox of New York: "I, perhaps, am better able to offer some observations upon the paper of my friend, Mr. Fox. I think it cannot be doubted that as justice and its administration are amongst the prime needs and business of life, so it is important that those who are charged with the administration of the law which is devoted to doing justice should come to the important duties that they have to discharge adequately equipped for the purpose."

"As you are aware, there exists in Great Britain a distinction which does not exist here. Each member of the bar is, I think properly, described in this country as counsellor and attorney. In Great Britain there is the most marked line of distinction drawn. The attorney is not a member of the bar; a member of the bar is not an attorney, and the great feature of distinction is this—an attorney is the person who sees the client; who in the first instance advises the client; who prepares the statements of facts and arranges for the evidence necessary to support the facts which are to establish a particular right or which affords another to the adverse assertion of some right.

"I would like before I get down to be allowed to express the admiration I feel, not only for the constitution of the United States, lawyers, but for the scheme of its operation and the wise purpose to which it devotes its efforts. Its work is not new to me. I have had the pleasure of seeing now for some years the record of its proceedings, and it is to me as it was on hearing the admirable address which was delivered on Wednesday, in the highest degree refreshing to find that the profession of the law in this country is so earnestly alive to the responsibilities of its position; is so keen to observe, to weigh, to judge, to discriminate, to test the current of judgment and of legislation, and that above all it keeps before itself an ideal, not merely of what ought to be the mental equipments and the acquirement in learning, but the high moral character of the profession to which they belong."

Lord Russell and party sat for their photographs at the United States Hotel to-day. Afterward they were photographed at the studio of a prominent firm.

GOLD STANDARD DEMOCRATS. Ex-Congressman Bynum Addresses Them at Peoria.

PEORIA (Ill.), Aug. 21.—The gold standard Democrats of Peoria met this evening in one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings ever held in

this city. Ex-Congressman Bynum of Indiana was the speaker of the evening and delivered a strong argument in favor of gold.

At the conclusion of his speech resolutions were adopted condemning the action of the Chicago Convention on the money question; approving the action of the leading Democrats in calling another convention to place another ticket in the field, declaring the success of the Chicago nominees would sound the death knell of the Democratic party; denouncing the refusal to condemn the Administration of President Cleveland and the attack on civil service and the Federal judiciary and declaring for a sound and stable currency. Delegates were then chosen to attend the State Convention at Chicago and the meeting adjourned. Several other speakers booked to make addresses failed to appear.

EASTERN RACES. Skies Were Threatening Yesterday, But Good Time Was Made.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 21.—A threatening sky interfered with the attendance at the Grand Circuit races to-day. The track was in a fine condition, notwithstanding the rain of the morning, and there was some good racing.

Two-thirty-five trot, purse \$500. Exploit won. Surpal second, Greenfield third. Best time—2:26 1/2.

Two-twenty-eight trot, purse \$1,000. Emma Offut won. Newberger second, Philonides third. Best time—2:21 1/2.

Two-twenty-five trot, purse \$1,000. Minnet won. Red Star second, Mary L. third. Best time—2:13 1/2.

BUFFALO, Aug. 21.—Despite threatening weather the attendance was good at the third day's Grand Circuit races here to-day, the card being an attractive one. A stiff wind up the track prevented any fast time being made.

The first race, 2:10 class, pacing, unfinished from yesterday, purse \$2,000, was won by Sphynxetta, Miss Rita second, Heir-at-Law third. Best time—2:10 1/4.

Second race, 2:14 class, trotting, purse \$2,000, was won by Pilot Boy, Rifle second, Ben B. third. Best time—2:13 1/2.

The third race, free for all, trotting, purse \$2,000, was won by Fantasy, Buezetta second, Onoqua third. Best time—2:09 1/2.

Two-eleven class, trotting, purse \$2,000. Bouncer won. Cephas second, James L. third.

INDEPENDENCE (Ia.), Aug. 21.—The Independence Driving Club closed a successful trotting meeting to-day. These races were on the card and the track was fast.

The 2:22 trot, purse \$2,000, was won by Bonnie, Red Gamaloon second and Gayton third. Best time—2:16 1/2.

The 2:45 trot, purse \$1,000, was won by Vipsania, Black Seth second and Whisler third. Best time—2:14 1/2.

The 3:00 pace, purse \$1,000, was won by Castleton, with Wentworth second and Frank M. third. Best time—2:12 1/2.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 21.—One mile, Brahma won. Siddibus second, Chiswell third. Time—1:44.

Three-fourths of a mile, Actight won. Augustina second, Queen Sofie third. Time—1:15 1/2.

Five-eighths of a mile, Fig Leaf won. Juanita second, Lady Hamilton third. Time—1:02 1/2.

One mile, Hot Staff won. Bridgeton second, Helen H. Gardner third. Time—1:43 1/2.

Three-fourths of a mile, Parthomax won. Belvadell second, Forsythe third. Time—1:15 1/2.

PORTLAND (Me.), Aug. 21.—The stallion Joe Patchen lowered the record of the stallion pacing record, held by John R. Gentry, at Rigby, by one-quarter of a second in a fresh wind, making the mile in 2:03. His quarters were: 0:30 1/2, 0:29 1/2, 0:30 1/2, 0:32 1/2.

STRIKING EXPRESSMEN. Adams Company's Employees State Their Position.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—A committee representing the striking employees of the Adams Express Company has issued a statement regarding their difficulties with the company. In it they say the men are not striking for more wages or less hours, but for a recognition of their order and to stop the indiscriminate discharge of the employees of the company without apparent reason.

The company, the statement goes on to say, previous to the strike discharged old hands as soon as the new ones were made familiar with the work, paying them \$50 per month, or \$25 less than the amount paid the old hands. The statement further says the President of the company will be again requested by the strikers to make the concessions asked for, and if he refuses a general strike of Adams Express employees throughout the country will be ordered.

SLOW COLLECTIONS. They Cause a Nebraska Bank to Close Its Doors.

BEATRICE (Neb.), Aug. 21.—The Bank of Weymore closed its doors this morning. No statement of assets or liabilities is obtainable. It was one of the depositories for Care County. Six thousand dollars are on deposit, amply protected by \$86,000 in bonds. No run was made on the bank, the Directors deeming it advisable to close on account of the slow collections and inability to renew loans.

Destructive Prairie Fires. DENISON (Texas), Aug. 21.—Destructive prairie fires are raging in the Chickasaw Nation. Dwellings, fences and hay have been destroyed. The creek bottoms are lined with hundreds of immigrant wagons that dare not travel owing to the fire. There is no water, and the fire has full sway on Rock Creek. The fire has got into the mountain timber, and it is sweeping everything before it.

In Financial Difficulty. NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Leopold Well & Co., diamond and jewelry dealers, are in financial difficulty. The trouble is attributed to the banks shutting down on discounts. The liabilities are \$130,000. It is said the assets are sufficient to pay all the debts, but cannot be realized on at present. On January 31 last the firm placed its assets at \$300,000.

Gone to Mackinac. INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 21.—Upon the advice of his physicians Governor Matthews left to-day for Mackinac and will be absent for some time. He has not been in good health lately and needs rest badly. He will join Mrs. Matthews at Mackinac, where she has been spending the season.

LI HUNG CHANG WILL NOT COME HERE.

The Official Announcement of His Itinerary.

The Guest of the Government Will Have a Pleasant Visit.

Will Be Given an Opportunity to See But Little of Our Country, However—Canadian Officials Will Receive Him at Niagara Falls and Accompany Him Through Canada to Vancouver, Whence He Will Sail for Home.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The following programme respecting the visit of the Chinese Viceroy, Li Hung Chang, was announced this afternoon by Secretary of War Lamont.

Earl Li Hung Chang, Special Ambassador from the Emperor of China, will arrive in New York by the steamship St. Louis on Friday, August 28th. Major-General Thomas H. Ruger, U. S. A., commanding the Department of the East, who has been designated by the President to act as his representative, will meet him on his arrival and escort him with a detachment of the Sixth Regiment, United States Cavalry, to the Waldorf Hotel, where he will remain during his stay in New York as the guest of the nation. The State Department will be represented by W. W. Rockhill, First Assistant Secretary of State. General Ruger will attend the Viceroy during his sojourn in this country and be in charge of all arrangements pertaining to his visit.

The President of the United States, who is to be in the city as the guest of ex-Secretary of the Navy William C. Whitney, will receive the Ambassador at Mr. Whitney's house on the day following his arrival, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War and possibly other members of the Cabinet being present.

On Sunday a visit will be made to General Grant's tomb at Riverside. Monday will be spent in a trip to the military academy of the city to visit the United States ship Dolphin, and a sail under the Brooklyn bridge and up the East River.

On Tuesday the party will be entertained at luncheon by representative business men of New York, and later in the day an opportunity will be given the Chinese academy of the city to visit the East. Wednesday will be occupied by a visit to Brooklyn on the invitation of the Mayor of that city, and in the evening the Viceroy will be tendered a review of the Seventh Regiment in its armory. On Thursday the party will go by the Pennsylvania Railroad to Philadelphia, where suitable entertainment will be provided, and Friday and Saturday will be spent in Washington and Sunday at Niagara Falls, where the Viceroy will be met by representatives of the Canadian Government, who will escort him to Vancouver, from which port he will sail for home.

A BIG CONVENTION. Gold Democrats Will Send Over a Thousand Delegates.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Reports received at Illinois Gold Democratic headquarters from the counties of the State indicate according to the statement made to-day by Secretary Spangler, that ninety counties of the 102 are sure of being represented at the State Convention here next Tuesday, and conventions in the other counties have been called to choose delegates. Mr. Spangler estimates the number of delegates who will be in the convention at 1,000.

Comptroller Eckels telegraphed from Ottumwa that the County Convention held there to-day was a great success and there would be a complete delegation to the convention.

Ex-National Committeeman Cable telegraphed that he would head the Rock Island County to-day, thus disproving the reports that he had backed out of the movement.

THE CUDAHYS. Said to be Building an Oil Pipe Line Into Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—It is stated that Michael and John C. Cudahy, the well-known millionaire packers of this city have bought the entire plant of the Northern Indiana Oil Company in Adams and Wells counties, Indiana, and intend building a pipe line from the wells into this city.

It is said they have already ordered 170 miles of six inch pipe and that work will be started on the line as soon as possible. It is understood that the investment outside of the purchase price of the wells involves about \$1,500,000. No details of the deal have yet been given out.

AGAINST ALTGELD FUSION. Illinois Populists Will Nominate an Anti-Fusion State Ticket.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—The "middle-of-the-road" Populists of Illinois, headed by the Burns faction in Cook County, which was ignored in the recent State Populist Convention, are organizing and arranging for another State Convention to nominate a State ticket opposed to fusion and put up Presidential Electors who will stick for Bryan and Watson only.

It is said that twenty-eight counties have protested against the Altgeld fusion scheme of the regular State Convention, and only two of these counties were represented in the convention, one of which bolted.

INTERSTATE TENNIS. Magnificent Contest of the Doubles Championship.

OMAHA, Aug. 21.—The Interstate Tennis Tournament here was slightly marred by rain this morning, and only a couple of games were decided. W. S. Bond of Chicago easily beat R. H. Spencer of Council Bluffs, 6-1, 6-3. The match between Wynne Carver and L. H. Waldner, both of Chicago, was

the best exhibition of singles ever seen here, resulting in favor of the former, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

In the afternoon Carver and Waldner met and defeated Bond and Hardy of Chicago in a magnificent contest for the doubles championship, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Roy Austin of Omaha defeated Mr. Hopkins of Omaha 7-2, 2-6, 6-2 in the final round for the Nebraska singles. Austin will meet State champion Cullingham to decide the State championship.

CURIOUS LETTERS. Bryan Has a Stack Several Feet High Awaiting Him.

LINCOLN (Neb.), Aug. 21.—When Mr. Bryan returns home he will find a stack of letters several feet high awaiting him. Private Secretary Schwind is disposing of these missives, which come from every part of the globe, as fast as they arrive.

Many of them are from reputable business men, bankers and lawyers, but a good share are of the crank variety, offering absurd suggestions as to the management of the campaign. Not a few of the letters naively suggest that when the victory is won the writer wishes the nominee to remember that he is a candidate for such and such an office.

PACKING PRODUCTS. Iowa Railroads Reduce Rates to Protect Their Customers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Iowa railroads reduced the rates on packing house products to the Mississippi River, when intended for export, to 4 cents from Cedar Rapids and Ottumwa, 5 cents from Marshalltown and 7 cents from Des Moines. This is done to protect their packing house customers in view of the recent reductions made by Chicago and Gulf lines.

Ask an Extension. SAGINAW (Mich.), Aug. 21.—Merrill & Ring, one of the largest lumber firms in the Saginaw Valley, has asked for an extension of time from their creditors. The firm has more than \$500,000 worth of assets, but owing to the recent failure of other large lumber concerns and the business depression they are unable to care for short time paper. A meeting of the creditors of the firm will be held in Chicago next Tuesday.

Only Personal Business. NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—F. B. Gallatin, Secretary of the Clearing-house, denies positively that any steps have been taken looking to an issue of loan certificates, and sub-treasury officials were equally positive in their assertions that Mr. Carlisle was here to attend to a matter of a personal nature.

Shot His Wife and Himself. CINCINNATI (O.), Aug. 21.—Fred Graef, a saloon-keeper at 1582 Central avenue, in a fit of insanity to-day shot his wife and then fired a bullet through his own brain. The woman is in a critical condition.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE. POLITICAL EVENTS DO NOT INFLUENCE PROSPECTS.

Speculation Advances Wheat, Corn and Cotton Through Reports of Injury to Crops.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—R. G. Dun & Co. will say to-morrow in their weekly review of trade: Failures for the week have been 280 in the United States against 222 last year and 47 in Canada against 43 last year.

Political events of the week had no definite influence upon business prospects, for the phenomenal variations in sterling exchange and the beginning of imports of gold, although following the great meeting in Madison Square Garden on Tuesday may be fairly attributed to the accumulating excess of merchandise exports over imports, to which attention has been repeatedly called. Exports from New York for the past two weeks have been 20 per cent. larger and imports 20 per cent. smaller than last year. The rapid movement of grain and the unusually early market for cotton tends strongly to aid the banking syndicate, which has undertaken to regulate foreign exchange.

Withdrawals of money to the interior are rather large and commercial loans are hard to place and this difficulty checks many new enterprises and business in many departments. Bank clearings are small for the week, 15 per cent. less than last year. Railroad earnings are not as good as might be expected for the first half of August, exceeding those of last year by only 3.4 per cent.

Speculation has advanced wheat over 1 cent during the week, corn a small fraction, and cotton five-eighths, the principal motive power being reports of injury to growing crops. The boot and shoe industry is rapidly nearing the end of past orders, excepting in women's grain and buff shoes, where there are still orders for some weeks to come, while others are constantly received, but in other branches the new business is light. Prices are a shade lower. Leather is weaker, with a small demand, although restricted supplies have caused a share of advancing in some kinds. Hides at Chicago averaged more than 3 per cent. lower for the week against the fall in the past five weeks, having averaged about 25 per cent.

The iron and steel manufacture has continued depressed, and Bessemer pig has sold at \$10 40 at Pittsburg, while Southern No. 1 is offered at prices equivalent to \$10 at New York, and nearly all finished products are being sold below the current quotations. There is rapid curtailment of production, but in spite of this the supply of finished product appears to greatly exceed the demand for that. The one bright spot is a sale of 9,000 tons of steel rails to Japan for refitting railways in that country, which makes an aggregate of 45,000 tons exported during the year.

Nothing encouraging can yet be said regarding the woolen manufacture, and the demand for goods, even at recent reductions, is still disappointingly small. A heavy auction sale of cotton goods brought prices which were counted quite encouraging, and the current demand is fairly maintained, although the mills are not inclined to make large contracts for the future, in view of the rise in the raw material. In general, the working force in the textile branches does not appear to have increased.

MANY APPLICATIONS FOR BRYAN TO SPEAK.

Chairman Jones Will Make No Promises at Present, However.

Members of the Committee Getting Down to Work.

People of Michigan Waiting for Pingree's Letter on the Money Question—'Silver Dick' Bland Given a Big Reception at the Laurel Club in Baltimore—He Discusses Unlimited Coinage and Warns His Hearers Against Gold Bug Influence.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Chairman Jones of the Democratic National Committee was busy all day to-day receiving visitors from outside of Chicago, most of whom wanted to get Mr. Bryan to speak in their States and home talent was frequently offered in exchange, but the Senator would make no definite promises or fix dates until the nominee arrives in Chicago on September 4th. Charles A. Walsh, Secretary of the National Committee, to-day wired Committeeman Johnson that he would be in Chicago to-morrow. Senator Jones said Major Towles would probably be appointed Chairman of the Campaign Committee. He also announced that Messrs. Campau, Johnson, Gahan, Walsh and himself would manage the campaign from Chicago headquarters, and Messrs. McLean, Howell and Smalley from the Washington headquarters, Dan McConville of Ohio, who will have charge of the Speakers' Bureau, will arrive to-morrow to begin work. Mr. Campau returned to-night to his Michigan home, as his presence is required at the State Convention in Bay City next Tuesday. After that event he will return to headquarters, to remain until the voters have decided the battle. He said the people of Michigan were waiting for the promised letter of Mr. Pingree on the money question.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET. Chauncey T. Depew Presides and the English Guests Speak.

SARATOGA (N. Y.), Aug. 21.—The social side of the annual conference of the American Bar Association found a most auspicious close in the nineteenth annual banquet held this evening in the ballroom of the Grand Union Hotel, and which was attended by 200 members of the legal fraternity. From 7 o'clock until 8 o'clock a reception was held in the reception room of the hotel where Lord Russell, Lord Chief Justice of England, Sir Frank Lockwood and Montague Crackenthorpe received guests of the evening.

At 8 o'clock Lord Russell and Hon. Chauncey T. Depew of New York, under the leadership of Francis Rawley of Philadelphia, Treasurer of the Bar Association, proceeded to the ballroom of the hotel where the banquet was served. At the guests' tables were seated Chauncey T. Depew, who presided; at his right Lord Russell, and at his left United States Supreme Court Justice Peckham and President of the Bar Association James M. Woolworth of Omaha.

At the close of the dinner Mr. Depew in a few well-chosen words introduced Lord Russell as the guest of the evening, and his lordship in a brief address proved that he was equally as well at home as an after-dinner speaker as upon the bench.

The toast, "The Bar Association," was responded to by President James M. Woolworth of Omaha. Sir Frank Lockwood of England, the peer of after-dinner speakers of that country, was next introduced, and in an address which abounded with humor and wit captivated his guests. His toast was confined to the English bar, and most ably did the distinguished jurist respond for it. Morefield Storey of Boston then spoke as the retiring President. To James M. Beck of Philadelphia was accorded the honor of speaking for the junior bar. The last speaker of the evening was Bourke Cockran.

A SERIOUS SHAPE. Bloodshed Feared Over a Kentucky Congressional Fight.

LOUISVILLE (Ky.), Aug. 21.—The contest for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Eleventh District introduced, and in a serious shape. The primary was held Saturday a week and both ex-Congressman, John D. White and Congressman D. Colson claim the victory.

Both sides are gathering their forces at Williamsburg, where the committee meets to-morrow. It is said that White has papers ready to enjoin Chairman Hill from issuing a certificate should Colson be counted in, and some fear that bloodshed may follow the committee's decision, as both sides are thoroughly worked up.

AN OLD HAND. A Postoffice Burglar Goes to the Hospital and is Captured.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The man who lies wounded in the Long Island Hospital in Brooklyn and who is believed to be one of the men engaged in the Post-office burglary at Bedford Station, N. Y., was identified this afternoon by Detective McCauley of this city as John Gilmore, alias John Claire, alias George Price, one of the most notorious Post-office burglars in the country. The man came to the hospital yesterday and was made a prisoner when he could not satisfactorily explain how he received his wound.

BLAND AT BALTIMORE. He is Given a Big Reception and Speaks at the Laurel Club.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 21.—"Silver Dick" Bland was given a big reception at the Laurel this evening and the meeting which he subsequently addressed was the largest in numbers held here in recent years. Mr. and Mrs. Bland arrived from Washington at 5 o'clock and the guests of Ernest F. Baldwin, Auditor of the Treasury. A public reception followed a dinner and a torchlight procession was formed and marched through the streets to Laurel Grove, where a great crowd had preceded the marchers.

GIGANTIC COMBINATION. The Western Union Said to Control the Bell Telephone Company.

BOSTON, Aug. 21.—The "Commercial Bulletin" will say to-morrow regarding Western Union and Bell Telephone: "We understand upon the best authority that the Western Union Telegraph Company controls at present the Bell Telephone Company. The importance of this control will at once appear to every one who appreciates how they have come into competition during recent years. The Western Union dividends had become threatened through competition of the telephone, but it has long been a fully arranged plan for the Western Union to secure control of the telephone company. The two together can probably make it very warm for the Postal Telegraph Company or the final outcome may be a combination of all three.

J. Pierpont Morgan has been the largest purchaser of Bell Telephone stock at auction here, but the manner of purchase has been very cleverly concealed. Western Union stock has ruled weak on the New York Stock Exchange during the past few days, but this weakness is thought to be part of the programme of those conducting this gigantic deal. The combination of these two concerns will mean an almost impregnable monopoly of both the telegraph and telephone business in the same hands.

INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION. Eckels, Carlisle and Morton Expected to Attend It.

Treasury Reserve. WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The treasury gold reserve at the close of business to-day stood at \$103,228,617. The day's withdrawals at New York were \$91,700. During the past ten days the treasury has lost more than \$2,000,000 in gold at San Francisco by redemption of legal tenders.

To Increase Monthly Coinage. WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Mr. Preston, Director of the Mint, has gone to Philadelphia. He is endeavoring to increase the monthly coinage of gold and silver at all the mints.

CANTON SILVER CLUBS. INVESTIGATION OF STATEMENTS CONCERNING THEM.

A Statement Which Badly Punctures the Extravagant Claims Made for Them.

CANTON (O.), Aug. 21.—A dispatch is being widely circulated in the Western, Central and Southern States which contains an alleged letter from a member purporting to have been written in answer to some one who asks if it is true that Canton Democrats have formed a large Bryan Silver Club which contains many Republican members. The letter in question says:

"It is true that we have in Canton a Central Silver Club with a membership of over 600 and three ward silver clubs with a large membership, but just what it is I am unable to say; and also in the other wards there will also be organized silver clubs. The Central Club has an eminent Republican for President.

"Unless the tide turns McKinley will not carry his ward, nor his city, nor his Congressional District, and even there is great probability of McKinley losing the State."

This letter has caused more than 200 letters to be sent to the Republican Committee, here asking if the statements made in it are true. Some of these letters have come to Major McKinley. To-night one of the leading Republicans of the county, Hon. Hiram Doll, made a statement which is officially approved and indorsed by the Chairman of the Republican Committee.

Mr. Doll says: "The Silver Club in Canton is composed of Populists and Democrats, and the leading Democrats of the city are not in it. The exception mentioned as President, Colonel Hollaway, was one of the most enthusiastic McKinley men in the city and during the greatest jollification meetings here after the St. Louis Convention was at the head of each procession and escorted the delegates to Governor McKinley's residence. He was a candidate for the Presidency of the McKinley Club, but failed of election. Immediately after that he turned to the opposition."

The silver club at its organization was only claimed to have a membership of 200 to 250 upon the statements of its officers to the press. When it is remembered that Stark County has a population of nearly 100,000 and this city nearly 40,000, the magnitude of the club does not appear very great comparatively speaking. A sound money non-partisan railroad club in this city, composed largely of Democrats as well as Republicans, signed 300 members the night of organization. The same night the McKinley Marching Club was organized with 1,000 members. A poll of the precinct that Major McKinley has lived in since his return from Columbus, which has always been a Democratic precinct, out of 340 voters polled, shows McKinley 190, Bryan 150, a Republican gain over the combined Bryan vote, including Populists and Democrats of 74 in a single precinct. The precinct in which Major McKinley lived before he went to Columbus is two to one for McKinley."

Major McKinley looked over some proof sheets of his letter of acceptance to-day and spent several hours in working up speeches which he is to make Saturday and Monday.