BRYANS "INDUCED."

Mrs. Bennett's Objections to Giving the Nebraskan $50,000.

New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 11.—Counsel for Mrs. Bennett, widow of Philo S. Bennett, filed to-day a long statement of the reasons for the appeal recently taken from the decision of Judge Cleaveland, in the Probate Court, in relation to Mr. Bennett's will. In the formal notice of appeal it was briefly announced that objection would be taken to all of the bequests in the will providing for trust funds for educational purposes to be administered by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan, and also to the appointment of Mr. Bryan as executor and trustee. That statement was elaborated in the document filed to-day, which, after repeating the clauses of the will to which objection is taken, says in effect that Mr. and Mrs. Bryan "induced and persuaded" Mr. Bennett to sign a paper addressed to William J. Bryan and to copy a considerable part of another paper, the said copy to be addressed to Mrs. Bennett. The papers referred to are the sealed letter by which Mr. Bryan and family were to be given $50,000 by consent of Mrs. Bennett, and a letter similar in purport which Mr. Bryan produced in court.

The formal appeal says it was then the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan that only the sealed letter addressed to Mrs. Bennett was to be brought to her knowledge, "and that was for the purpose of inducing her to permit W. J. Bryan to get the $50,000." It is also declared to have been the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan not to make public the other paper addressed to Mr. Bryan as "my dear Mr. Bryan," or to have it brought to the knowledge of Mrs. Bennett. The document continues:

The writing addressed to this appellant, the wife of Mr. Bennett, did not state the real and true arrangement which Mr. and Mrs. Bryan had induced Mr. Bennett to enter into with them. The fact that the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are to receive $15,000 of Mr. Bennett's money was not stated; but, on the contrary, the writing addressed to the widow expressly stated that if William J. Bryan for any reason is unwilling to receive that sum for himself, that he shall distribute the $50,000 among educational and charitable institutions, while, in truth and fact and in law, the letter addressed to Mr. Bryan constituted him a trustee for his wife and children; and the sum of $25,000, if received by Mr. Bryan, would belong to his wife and children, all of which Mr. Bryan and his wife well knew.

It is declared that the sealed letter addressed to Mrs. Bennett "further misstates and is misleading in that Mr. Bennett did not then own nor at any time thereafter did he own the Bridgeport houses referred to," and Mrs. Bennett will not receive, under the document probated as the will of Mr. Bennett, the amount that Mr. Bennett intended she should have.

The statement contained in the letter to Mrs. Bennett, which says, "it is my desire that no one excepting you and Mr. Bryan himself shall know of this letter and bequest," is declared to be misleading, because it is alleged that Mrs. Bryan knew all about them. The several clauses to which objection is taken and the sealed letter and the letter to Mr. Bryan are declared to have been prepared at Lincoln, Neb., by Mr. Bryan and his wife without the knowledge of Mrs. Bennett and without the knowledge or presence of any of Mr. Bennett's family or business associates. Allegations of undue influence are made concerning all the clauses appealed from.

FIVE MILLIONS FOR THE ORIENT.

Stilwell Gets a Lot of Money in Europe for His Road.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Arthur E. Stilwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company, arrived here to-day from Mexico City, where he went immediately after returning to the United States from Europe, a month ago. Mr. Stilwell said to-day that he had interested two hundred prominent men in Europe in the railroad, and secured $5,000,000 from the Holland stockholders, in addition to the amounts previously subscribed in that country. Mr. Stilwell exhibited a list of foreign stockholders secured on his trip, and said:

The list includes some of the best known financiers in England, France, Italy, and Germany, to say nothing of the Holland stockholders already in the enterprise. The completion of the Orient system is now fully assured, and we expect to be in complete operation from Kansas City to Port Stilwell, on the Pacific Coast, within two years.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER,

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C. F. AND I. REORGANIZATION.

Committee Appointed — Plan to Raise $13,600,000.

To aid in the reorganization of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, a committee, consisting of James A. Blair, William L. Bull, Otto T. Bannard, Philip Lehman and John E. Borne, was organized yesterday. In an address to the stockholders the committee announced a plan to raise $13,600,000 by means of an increase of $6,200,000 in the company's capital stock and an issue of 5 per cent gold bonds for the remainder. The money is to be used to buy back properties recently sold by the company and provide working capital. The bond issue is to be secured by a mortgage on all the property of the company.

A syndicate representing a majority of the stock has agreed to convey back to the company the property recently sold for the amount paid for it, plus interest, and to underwrite the bonds. The plan provides for payment of the next maturing coupon on debentures deposited under the proposed plan, in case such plan shall become operative. No debentures will be received after December 31, 1903, save in the discretion of the committee and on such terms as may be imposed.

The committee states that it is acting in harmony with officers and directors of the fuel company; also with representatives of the majority of the stock of the company.

The Children's Department offers to boys and girls three prizes: One for the best story about Christmas, one for the best verse about Christmas and one for the best photograph of pets. In to-morrow's Tribune.

EXPECT LIVELY WINTER IN ROME.

Now that the feeling of antagonism between the Vatican and the Court seems to be less, arrangements are being made for a lively winter season in Rome. The hotels report an unprecedented demand for rooms; in fact, the Grand Hotel, which faces the American Embassy, has few disengaged apartments. The hotel is still under the management of Mr. Pfyffer, assisted by Mr. Dreyfuss, for the owners, the Savoy Hotel Company, of London.

BROKERS' OFFICE IN ENGLISH HOTEL.

The title of "America in London" has been bestowed on the Hotel Cecil, London, by the local press on account of the large number of Americans constantly visiting the hotel as guests and partly because the usual facilities for Americans are more in evidence there than at other hotels. The latest of the innovations is the opening of a West End branch of the London and Paris Exchange, bankers and brokers, in the newly built front of the Cecil. The offices are designed as a convenience for those who desire to keep in touch with the course of the financial markets.

SHELVE RIVER TUNNEL APPLICATION.

The Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen met yesterday to consider the application of the Manhattan and Hudson Railroad Company for a franchise to operate a tunnel between Exchange Place, in Jersey City, and Cortlandt and West sts., in this borough. William McAdoo, president of the company, urged immediate consideration of the plan. Alderman Dieiner, the chairman of the committee, declared the application was one that, in view of the short life of the present board, should be left for the incoming Tammany Board of Aldermen, and on his suggestion it was laid over until the meeting of the board next Tuesday.

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NEW-BEDFORD AS A COTTON PORT.

The City May Become the Distributing Centre for New-England.

New-Bedford, Mass., Dec. 11.—A movement in on foot to make New-Bedford the distributing point for the cotton used by the mills in this city and the surrounding mill centres. It is considered possible that the city may become the centre of distribution for all New-England.

The project became known through the efforts to secure wharf privileges. Application also has been made to the city for the right to store cotton in the immigration sheds, soon to be erected. It is understood that the plan calls for the transportation of baled cotton from the South to this city by a direct line of steamers.

NOT THAT KIND OF BUSINESS.

Interesting Tale Recalling Mr. Dresser's Achievements in Raising Money.

An interesting tale, which recalls D. Le Roy Dresser's achievement in the way of raising money for the United States Shipbuilding Company, was heard yesterday in Wall Street.

According to this story Mr. Dresser, who was at the time president of the Trust Company of the Republic, had an interview in September, 1902, with William R. Corwine, who had recently become trust officer of the Eastern Trust Company, having previously been secretary of the Merchants' Association, of which Mr. Dresser had been president. Mr. Dresser asked Mr. Corwine how he would like to get a $500,000 deposit for the Eastern Trust Company. Mr. Corwine naturally liked it very much, but inquired if there were any conditions attached. Mr. Dresser answered that there were two conditions: That the money should be lent to some one to be named by the Trust Company of the Republic and on securities to be designated by that institution. Mr. Corwine said that he would have to consult Charles M. Jesup, president of the Eastern Trust Company. The loan was never made.

Mr. Jesup yesterday afternoon confirmed the accuracy of this story, adding that he had asked Mr. Corwine to give his compliments to Mr Dresser, and to say to him that the Eastern Trust Company didn't care to do that kind of business.

LAKE SUPERIOR REPORT NOT READY.

Vice-President Sanborn Says the Plans for Reorganization Are Still Under Way.

New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 11.—The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company was held this afternoon at the offices of Lynde Harrison, general counsel of the company. The meeting was adjourned until Saturday, January 2, after a statement from Vice-President E. H. Sanborn had been read, in lieu of the report which it was said at the October meeting would be presented to-day.

Mr. Sanborn's statement said the customary annual report would be only a reiteration of facts already familiar to the stockholders. Furthermore, the receivership now in effect vests the responsibility for the conduct of the company's affairs in the appointee of the court. The statement adds that efforts to carry out the plan for the reorganization of the company are still in progress.

STEEL RAIL RATES AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Dec. 11.—The division freight agents in the territory east of the Mississippi River, who have been in session in Buffalo the last two days to establish a Buffalo basis for rates on steel rails, have practically completed their work. Another meeting may be necessary to settle a few minor details. Buffalo's advantages in rates on steel rails are now upon an equality with those of all other centres of steel rail producing territory. Harmony prevailed throughout the sessions.

FIRST OF EXTRA $5 DIVIDENDS.

The thousands of employes of the United States Steel Corporation who, about a year ago, purchased under the profit sharing plan preferred stock at $82 50 a share, and who have during the last twelve months been continuously in the service of the corporation, will in January receive the first of the extra dividends of $5 a share to be paid annually for five years on the stock of this class. It is said that a plan has been devised by the United States Steel management which will enable the men who became shareholders under the profit sharing offer to retain their employment during the period of curtailment of working force and of production, as continuous employment by the Steel Corporation during the five years required by the plan is a requirement which must be complied with by the men as one of the conditions of their enjoying the full benefits of the profit sharing plan.

BRITISH AID FOR AFRICAN COTTON.

London, Dec. 11.—An imperial grant in aid of cotton growing in British West Africa will be proposed in the coming session of Parliament, and it is understood that the suggestion has been favorably received by the government departments concerned. The British Cotton Growing Association is preparing full details of the results of the experimental plantings for submission to the Colonial Office, and the recent excitement in Lancashire caused by the report of the Agricultural Department at Washington of a shortage in the American crop is being used as a reason why every effort should be made to render the British cotton trade independent of shortages in the United States.

LOCAL BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Schedules in the assignment of Bernard Fligel, dealer in dress trimmings at No. 203 Stanton-st., show liabilities, $2,908; nominal assets, $755; actual assets, $457.

Judgment by default for $4,017 was entered against Remigius Dose in favor of the American Malting Company, amount due on six notes made by Conrad Eurich's Brewery for malt and guaranteed by Dose and others.

William S. Allen, also known as William S. V. Allen, confessed judgment for $3,238 to Joseph M. Richards, amounts due on twelve assigned claims. Among the claims were Dr. Henry Coggeshall, $200 for services; Brooks Bros., $50 98 for clothing; Matthew Rock, $1,171 for clothing; Lexow, Mackellar, Guy & Wells, $630 for legal services; George H. Chase, $179 for photographic supplies, and Dennis Shannahan, $252 for stabling a horse. Walter P. Frank, of No. 43 Cedar-st., is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Judgment by default for $5,143 was entered yesterday in the County Clerk's office against Charles A. Towne in favor of Abby K. Tillotson, growing out of the sale of fifty shares of stock of the Central Asphalt and Refining Company, of Beaumont, Tex. Towne, it is alleged, on July 11, 1902, sold to the plaintiff fifty shares of stock of the Central Asphalt and Refining Company, and agreed that in case the plaintiff became dissatisfied with her purchase he would take the stock from her and pay her in cash the amount of her investment.

JUDGMENTS.

The following judgments for sums of more than $100 were filed yesterday, the first name being that of the debtor:

Allen, William S (or William S V)—J M Richards	$3,230
Bernstein, Vivian J—C H Hitting	187
Brown, George and Olga—F Zittel	595
Bedell, F May and Arthur G—L A Klagh, executor	208
Bartsch, Charles W—S Hirsh and another	128
Cantwell, Nellie F, and Freeman Bernstein—W W Strasser	534
Cross, Eugene C and Horace W—John Miles, Inc.	134
Dose, Remigun—American Malting Company	1,417
Decker, Charles—Manhattan Electrical Supply Company	102
The Gehlen Company—C J Wood, administrator	270
Educational Game Company—H A Thomas and Wylie Lithographing Company	1,484
The United States Heydebrand Coal Company—F C Von Heydebrand	489
Provident Realty Company of New-York, Phenix Realty Corporation and David M Stone—Regent Realty Company	20,608
The City of New-York—W H Masterson	46,348
Fuller, Eugene F—S Parrish	122
Frankel, Hannah—S M Pollock and another	126
Gauco, Antonio—Borgia	236
Garafalo, Frank and Vincent—M Danziger	827
Grinsfan, Ephrian—I Reich and another	147
Grissler, Henry and Frank—G Foerster	8,078
Herowitz, Samuel—J B Ireland	263
Irwin, Frederick—G Vaughn	881
Jones, John P—Acker, Merrall & Condit	377
Katz, Samuel—B Herschkowitz	235
Lancaster, James A—T J Campbell	423
Langfelder, Lewis and Adolph—M Lacher	246
Mathews, Eliza R and Amos J—A R Elliott	224
Munroe, Elizabeth P—J M Nash	232
Metropolitan Street Railway Company—J G Barney	672
Same—L Barney	2,247
Same—W Green, by guardian, costs	166
Same—W Pilitt	897
Milford Steele Company, Milford Steele, Richard G Platt and L A M Potter—W R H Martin	565
Mikwee, John J and Aid J—A Harro	2,761
Mittenthal, Aubrey—Newburg New Printing and Publishing Company	1,148
O'Connor, Michael—Eppens, Smith & Wiemann Company	103
Rosenberger, Isidor, and Victor E Wolf—E Strauss and another	780
Richey, David—H E Stevens & Son	236
Rosse, Florence J—J Kirkland	359
Rosenfeld, Adolph—Acker, Merrall & Condit	156
Standard Lead and Zinc Company—H M Keasby	218
Samuels, Isaac—B Spier and another	320
The Ecuadorian Association, Limited—S Peabody	3,230
The Kleemall Kompany—Broadway Trust Company	541
Towne, Charles A—A K Tillotson	5,143
United Oil Producing Company—Century Building Company	926
Union Railway Company of New-York City—T J Sullivan, administrator, costs	111
Willcox, Marshall B—Capital National Bank of Indianapolis, Ind	1,300
Same—Hamilton National Bank of Chicago	1,721
Weil, Henry A—Cabin Belt Company	196
Zipkin, David, and Henry Grossmen—I Kreitman	625

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