

BRYAN GUARD SEES PARKER.

HOGG AND CULBERSON AND JIM JONES UP FOR A POWWOW.

Her Ridder Trots In With a Plan to Get That German Vote—Grant Stays Outside—More Colloquy of the Fatalist—A Vain Attempt to Draw a Speech.

Judge Parker is still in town, conferring as busily as a beaver—that is, if he were a beaver. He was absent from the Hoffman House only twice yesterday, when he went for a walk before breakfast and when he and his secretary, Mr. McCausland, dined at the Manhattan Club.

There was the usual air of secrecy about the candidate's apartments. Judge Parker was invisible to all except those whose presence was desired. He will remain in town until some time after noon to-day.

Until yesterday morning it was considered a foregone conclusion that there are certain big Democrats yet to be talked to. One of these is David B. Hill, who is expected this morning. Another may be Charles F. Murphy, who does not seem to have hurried home for speech with the man who ran the convention to placate him.

Speaking of the placation business, ex-Gov. Hogg of Texas, who has been one of the closest of Bryanites, has had little use for Parker hitherto, and the Parker men were saying last night that it was a diplomatic triumph to get the Texan up to the second floor of the Hoffman House. He was accompanied by two other bold Bryan men, Senator Charles A. Culbertson of Texas and James K. Jones of Arkansas.

Mr. Jones, who is a Democrat, and who used to be chairman of the Democratic national committee, Culbertson and Jones had already met the Presidential candidate, and it was apparent that the chief purpose of their visit was to convert Mr. Hogg.

An attempt was made yesterday to draw Judge Parker out of his shell. Members of the Manhattan Club suggested to him that it would be a fine thing for him to take part in a meeting in Madison Square Garden, with District Attorney Jerome D. Lancye, and Charles W. Dayton as the other speakers. Judge Parker declined to rise to the bait. Speaking at such a meeting would create a precedent that would make other sections of the country hungry for Parker speeches, and the Parker intention is to make no speeches except from the veranda at Rosemount—and very few of those.

Comptroller Grout strolled into the Hoffman House yesterday afternoon, and the newspaper men asked whether he had come to see Judge Parker. "I didn't know he was here," said Mr. Grout.

"There's one thing I want to say," added the Comptroller, "and that is, that I am not going to retire from politics. I have always taken an interest in politics and always will. What I have said was that I would retire from office as far as my term is concerned, but I will make some speeches in this campaign."

It is not known that Mr. Grout called on Judge Parker, even after he became aware that the candidate was so near. The announcement was made last night that the Comptroller and John Sharp Williams will speak at a big Democratic meeting in Brooklyn on Oct. 1.

Herman Ridder and his German cohorts swept down on the Judge last evening. They had their scheme for capturing the German vote to unfold, and it is believed that the Judge gave his full sanction to it. Mr. Ridder will look after New York. Carl P. Hangl has Connecticut for his territory. Victor P. Ohl of Newark will be on the New Jersey front. To Henry A. Dowling are assigned Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Now, that the paper names of the so-called faithful States will go forward with such force that the German vote will be gathered in sure. The German-American Parker Union is doing the work.

HOPE FOR LADY CURZON.

Crisis Will Be Resolved Tomorrow—Mother and Sister to Sail.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 24.—Although Lady Curzon has not yet passed the danger point, her friends seemed more hopeful early this morning. Her physicians believe that the crisis will have passed by Sunday morning if Friday's improvement is maintained, and they hope to bring her patient through safely.

Lady Curzon consented yesterday that her children be brought to her bedside, and pathetic greetings were exchanged between them.

Lord Curzon, who has been in close attendance upon his wife since her illness, looks worn and haggard. It has been difficult to persuade him to take rest.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The condition of Lady Curzon is thought to be slightly improved this evening, although it is still very critical and all the physicians remain at Walmer Castle. They are Sir Thomas Barlow physician to his Majesty's household, who was summoned from the Continent to attend Lady Curzon; Dr. Francis H. Champneys, the obstetrician, and three other physicians.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Mrs. L. Z. Leiter and her daughter Nannie, who for New York at 2:30 P. M. to-day, and will sail for England as soon as steamship passage can be secured. They took the Twentieth century Limited train on the Lake Shore road for New York. Mrs. Leiter, her two daughters, Daisy and Nannie, and Joseph Leiter arrived in Chicago at 9 A. M. to-day from Denver. Because of favorable reports received here to-day from the bedside of Lady Curzon, Joseph Leiter and his sister Daisy decided not to make the trip to England at present.

SUGGESTION TEN YEAR MARRIAGES. George Meredith Breaks into the Handicap of Marriage. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 24.—Several newspapers here have taken up a discussion on "The Handicap of Marriage," which was recently initiated by a letter published in the Times. George Meredith, the well known novelist, is quoted by the Daily Mail as saying in an interview:

"Some day the present conditions of marriage will be changed, and marriage will be allowed for a certain period, perhaps ten years. The State will see that sufficient money is saved in that period to provide for and educate the children. Perhaps the State will take charge of this fund. There will be a devil of an uproar before such a change can be made. It will be a great shock, but look back and see what shocks there have been and what changes nevertheless have taken place in marriage in the past.

"The difficulty is to make the English people face such a problem. They want to live under discipline more than any other nation in the world. They will not look ahead, especially the governing people, and you must have philosophy, though it is more than can be hoped for to get the English people to admit the bare names of philosophy into the discussion of such a question.

"Again and again, notably in their criticism of America, you see how the English people persist in regarding any new truth as a sign of disease, yet it is a sign of health. A discussion of marriage like the present one does nothing but good. The subject is kept too much in darkness."

SPANISH SHELLS KILL TWO. Explosion of Old Ammunition at Manila More Deadly Than Dewey's Victory. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MANILA, Sept. 23.—While a number of 4-inch shells and a quantity of small ammunition, surrendered by the Spaniards in 1898, were being loaded on a lighter to-day in front of the arsenal, preparatory to being dumped in the bay, there was an explosion that killed two men and mangled seven. The victims were all Filipinos.

Following the establishment of the new Philippine currency, there has been a rapid outflow of Mexican silver to China. A shipment of \$315,000 was made to-day.

ODELL PUTS IT ON CUNNEEN.

'IF' THERE WAS FRAUD, WHERE WASTHE ATTORNEY-GENERAL?

He's a Democrat and Ought to Have Been Sleuthing After Wrongdoing at Albany—The Governor-Chairman's Friends Wrest This Defence From Him.

Governor-Chairman Odell shifted ground yesterday from the stand he took on Thursday night regarding the charges made in the Democratic platform that his administration had been corrupt and extravagant. In the statement he wrote on Thursday and made public after spending three hours in anxious revision of its wording, the Governor-Chairman dismissed the personal criticisms of the platform with the mere comment that they amounted to nothing more than mud slinging prompted by David B. Hill. The rest of his so-called reply was made up of statistics meant to show that the increase in the population of the State justified the extravagance of his administrations.

Some of the Governor-Chairman's intimates seem to have told him yesterday that his statement of Thursday night wasn't the kind of a document to satisfy the critics. In the early part of the day he had a long conference at the Fifth Avenue Hotel with William Barnes, Jr., Col. Michael J. Brady, Louis F. Fay, Francis W. Drake, George W. Aldridge, Louis Stern, Charles W. Murray and Edward Lauterbach.

At the close of the meeting it was given out that the conference had merely considered plans for opening the State campaign in these parts, but it was learned later that the advisers the Governor-Chairman called about him told him plainly that it would better interest the State ticket if he would say something for public consumption. He would really amount to a reply to the personal thrusts of Democratic convention leaders at his administration and his personal conduct.

Governor-Chairman Odell didn't take the advice kindly. He thought and told his friends so, and when he said that all that had been charged against him was only so much "mud slinging," that ended the matter. But his friends thought differently, and as a result of some plain speaking to the Governor-Chairman, opened his mouth much wider last night than he has done at any time since he came here to run the State campaign. The effect of what he said was that if there had been any corruption or wrongdoing in his administration it was up to Attorney-General Cunneen to expose it.

"The Democrats who are criticizing the administration of the affairs of the State in the last two years," said the Governor-Chairman, "appear to have forgotten that the Attorney-General is a Democrat, and that it is one of the chief duties of his office to inquire into any wrongdoing on the part of the men who are connected with the State government. If there had been any corruption, or if there had been anything in the acts of the administration which would call for censure or reproof, Mr. Cunneen would assuredly have known of it and it would have been his duty to have disclosed it.

"Mr. Cunneen, by virtue of his office, is a member of most of the important boards of the State. He is a member of the Canal Board, a trustee of the various boards which control the charitable institutions, and he has almost every contract which has been entered into by the State government has been submitted to him. Never since he has been exercising these functions has he ever intimated that there was any semblance of fraud or irregularity in any of the transactions of any one of the State boards, of the greater number of which he is a member."

Governor-Chairman Odell will go to his home at Newburg to-day for a few days rest. He says he is suffering from overwork and worry and wants two or three days away from campaign turmoil to pull himself around. On Oct. 2 he will go to St. Louis to take part in the New York day celebration at the exposition, which has been fixed for Oct. 4.

Frank W. Higgins, the Governor-Chairman's nominee for his place, came back to town last night. He had a long talk with Mr. Odell, but all that he would say was that he had been preparing with the Governor-Chairman plans for starting the State campaign in the next few days.

TOO MUCH, SAYS C. T. YERKES. Protests Against the Tax Department's Valuation of His Real Estate. Charles T. Yerkes and his wife have obtained, through Franklin Brien from Judge Bischoff of the Supreme Court, writs of certiorari to review alleged overassessments of their real estate at Fifth avenue and Sixty-eighth street for 1904. The assessment values the property at \$1,500,000. The Central National Bank, whose property is assessed at \$1,400,000, and Emilie B. Grigsby, whose realty is assessed at \$120,000, have obtained similar writs. Overvaluation and improper basis of assessments are charged. The writs are returnable in \$1,782 FOR A SPECIAL TRAIN. Chicago Man Missed the Limited—Got Home in Time, However. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23.—F. M. Pease, a wealthy Chicago promoter, yesterday spent \$1,382 for a special train to take him from Philadelphia to Chicago, where he had an important business engagement.

LETTERS SIGNED BY "DEATH."

White Plains Police Called in by a Baddy Sorely Contractor.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Thomas Holden, a contractor and builder of Brookfield street, to-day appealed to Police Captain Harmon to give him protection and to run down the writer of two letters threatening him with death and the destruction of his property unless \$2,000 was left at a designated place.

Mr. Holden at first thought the writer was a local joker, but to-day when he received a second letter he became alarmed. The whole police force is working on the case. The first letter was printed in large capitals, evidently in a desire to disguise the handwriting. It read:

MR. HOLDEN: Leave \$2,000 corner Post road and Lexington Avenue Friday night at 11 o'clock or your life and property will be taken. DEATH.

The second letter, which got Holden really scared, ran as follows: You fooled us with the cops. Now we will do you up sure. Either day or night.

At the bottom was this postscript: D. You are marked. On the back of the plain piece of paper on which the letter was written appear these words in the shape of a cross: "Remember Death."

Some time ago Mr. Holden had some trouble with Italians who trespassed on a garden he owns, and he thinks that perhaps they intend to seek revenge on him.

MRS. HAGGIN'S BABY DANCE. Her Guests, Dressed as Children, Have a Merry Time in Lexington, Ky. LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 23.—A social entertainment that was an innovation to society in this city was given by James B. Haggan at Green Hills to-night in honor of Mrs. Haggan's guests, Miss Isabelle Cameron of New York, and Lawrence Gil-Roderick, Cameron, and Lawrence Gil-Roderick of Gen. Gillespie of Washington. The affair was a costume ball in which all the guests appeared dressed as infants, and the favors were things dear to hearts of infants.

The chief feature of the entertainment was a sextet composed of six young society men of this city dressed as girls, singing the songs and performing the dances of the Florida sextet. The affair was led by M. T. Duncan and Mrs. Haggan, and was participated in by thirty couples, all the females wearing white dresses with bright red ties and sashes and white baby caps with long white streamers.

Col. George Voorhies, father of the hostess, appeared as Little Lord Fauntleroy. The music for the occasion was brought from Cincinnati, the hushon from Louisville and the german favors from New York.

PRESIDENT CASSIDY'S PERIL. Head of Queen's Borough May Be Punished for Contempt of Court. Lawyer Dorrin some days ago obtained an order discharging President Cassidy of the borough of Queens to remove a junk wagon known as the Wayside Inn station near Jackson avenue, Long Island City. George E. Clay, the owner of the property in front of which the wagon stood, alleged that the wagon had been there for two years and that sewerage and filth had accumulated around it and that it had become a nuisance.

WILLS HIS BRAIN TO SCIENCE.

DR. CONANT HAD MADE A CLOSE STUDY OF HIS OWN CASE.

He Was a Victim of Diabetes and Developed a Theory That the Trouble Lay in Condition of the Brain—Directs an Investigation Be Carried On After His Death.

Dr. George S. Conant, who died yesterday at his home, 148 East Eighteenth street, made a will leaving his brain to Dr. Bert S. Wilder of the Cornell medical school. Dr. Conant had been a sufferer from diabetes and made an exhaustive study of his own case. The medical profession has never come to the conclusion that the trouble lay in the condition of the brain.

It was his desire that his investigation might be carried on after his death. Dr. Wilder has been known for years as a brain expert, and it is to him that Dr. Conant intrusted the fulfillment of his wishes in the hope that it might lead to a solution of the mystery which has puzzled the medical profession for so long a time. Dr. Wilder has a collection of brains of men of different professions, having a theory that every action and mental trend can be traced to some certain convulsion of the brain. Even though Dr. Conant's brain fails to solve the question of a cure for diabetes it will make an interesting study in determining the effect of hard medical study on the brain.

Dr. Conant was 81 years of age and was born in Troy, N. Y. He was a graduate of Bellevue and practiced for twenty-five years in the neighborhood of his home.

TRAIN HITS DYNAMITE LOAD. Engineer and Fireman Killed—Driver and Horse Escape. CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 23.—A Baltimore and Ohio fast freight train struck a wagon loaded with 750 pounds of dynamite at North Branch, four miles east of here, this afternoon. The locomotive was lifted fifteen feet by the explosion, falling some distance from the track a complete wreck. Nelson Pike, engineer, Martinsburg, and Walter Whitehair, brakeman, Brunswick, were killed. Many were injured in the dozen houses, including the signal tower, that were wrecked.

Every house in the village was damaged and about fifty persons were knocked down. The dynamite, which was to have been used in Wabash construction, was being hauled by James Laing, aged 21, with a two horse team. He heard the train coming, became terrified and stopped on the track, the engine striking the tail of the wagon. The tracks were twisted, and graph wires torn down and nine cars loaded with high grade iron ore, and a broken down physical car, were hurled from Cumberland by special train to aid the injured.

An oak tree near by was denuded of leaves. Pillows in houses were emptied of feathers. Laing had his overalls blown off, but was little injured. The horses were buried fifty yards into a field, but escaped serious injury.

STOLEN \$40,000 RECOVERED. Hiding Place of Northern Pacific Train Robbery Plunder Revealed. BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 23.—About \$40,000 in money and a bag of diamonds worth several thousands of dollars have been recovered from a cache near Bearmouth. Several of the robbers have been captured by special train to aid the injured.

Christie, who has been sentenced to serve seven years in the penitentiary, took today for weeks. He was sentenced to the man who yesterday was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment. The Northern Pacific officials are reticent and refuse to discuss the find because they expect within the next few days to recover more money and diamonds.

McPetridge obtained the information from Hammond's fellow convict and confederate, Christie. Hammond, it is said, confessed to Christie and Christie talked to the detectives, who have been working for weeks. It is reported that Hammond told him that he was the man who killed Engineer Dan O'Neil in the first Bearmouth hold-up a year ago.

TWO SMALL ISLANDS APPEAR.

Seismic Disturbances Have a Peculiar Effect on Lake Washington.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 23.—Following slight seismic tremors in the last two or three days perceptible disturbances have been noticed here in the earth's crust. Two small islands have been formed in Lake Washington and the surface of the lake has been lowered visibly. The islands are three acres in extent and are crossed in numerous places by fissures.

Scientists to whose attention the matter was brought are mystified by the water falling in the lake simultaneously with the appearing of the islands. They say that the water should have risen instead.

Several unusually large landslides have taken place in the Olympic Mountains, and the water in Quilnait Lake, on the west slope of the mountains, has fallen as in Lake Washington.

WOMAN TRACKS A HORSE THIEF. Takes Up a Trail Abandoned by the Police and Effects His Arrest. CHATHAM, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Mrs. George K. Daley of this place, wife of a prominent member of the Columbia county bar, took up a trail four weeks old that had been abandoned by the police, crossed three States and effected the arrest of a horse thief. In August a rig was stolen from her son's livery stable here. It was tracked to Sheffield, near where the trail was lost. Last week Mrs. Daley went to Sheffield and found trace of a man whose name is Marcus Curtis of Gaylordsville, Litchfield county, Conn. By clever detective work she traced him to Chatham, Conn., thence through several other Connecticut villages to Danbury. He had shipped the rig to New York city and had left a large quantity of silverware in Danbury. The police knew he would come back for this, and watched the house several nights. He came Thursday night and was captured. The rig was found in New York. Curtis is a son of Judge Curtis of Gaylordsville.

HOLD-UP MAN GETS \$4,000. Masked Robber Steals That Sum From Two San Francisco Clerks. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 23.—A masked robber early this morning got the drop on two clerks of the Central Grain and Stock Exchange as they were carrying \$4,000 and the records and papers from the safe deposit vaults to the rooms of the exchange. The money and papers were in a clerical suit case, which the robber made the dress into the toilet room and locked them in. He escaped.

The clerks, after half an hour's work, released themselves. A broken down spouletor, who is missing from his usual haunts in the neighborhood of the exchange, is suspected of the robbery, coming so soon after the attempt to steal \$20,000 in gold from the First National Bank, has caused a stir in the financial district.

FIFTY YEARS IN THE NAVY. Dewey Celebrates the Anniversary and Receives Flowers From Friends. WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Admiral George Dewey, who commanded the victorious American fleet at the battle of Manila Bay, to-day celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the American Navy. There was no reception or other formal observance of the occasion, but several of the Admiral's friends sent flowers to him, and Secretary of the Navy Morton was among the first to tender his felicitations in a courteous and complimentary letter. The Admiral is 68 years old, but doesn't look a day older, and for many years he has been able to continue his work on the General Board of the navy.

President Roosevelt this afternoon sent the Admiral a cordial note of congratulation and a basket of flowers for Mrs. Dewey.

CHAUFFEUR A TEAMSTER? No Better, Says the International Union, and They Must Join. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 23.—An order has gone out from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, whose headquarters are in this city, that all chauffeurs shall be brought into its union, and efforts to that end are now being made here and in other places throughout the country.

The officers of the teamsters' organization say that chauffeurs are drivers of vehicles in the same service that hackmen and wagon men are.

VESUVIUS TOP CRUMBLING.

WESTERN CRATER BROADENS AND ACTIVE ERUPTION IS ON.

Torrents of Lava Flowing Over Historic Ground—Whole Cone Seems in Danger of Collapse—Magnificent Spectacle Watched by Thousands in Naples. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. NAPLES, Sept. 23.—Mount Vesuvius is again active, and the eruption is the greatest that has occurred in ten years. The western crater collapsed to-day with a tremendous explosion. The principal cone is filled with huge fissures, and it is thought that its rupture will follow.

Red-hot rocks are being thrown to a height of a thousand feet. The torrents of lava threaten to destroy the funicular railway which runs up the mountain. Thousands of persons are watching the spectacle, which is one of unsurpassed magnificence.

The last great eruption of Vesuvius occurred in 1877-78, when several new craters were formed. The stream of lava destroyed some villages and vineyards, but the peasants had ample warning and all escaped.

CROWD SEES MAN KILL HIMSELF. German Walter Throws Himself in Front of a 2d Avenue Elevated Train. The crowd on the Eighth street uptown station of the Second avenue elevated road late yesterday afternoon saw a man who was alone on the downtown platform opposite take two bounding strides across the platform and leap into the air just as a train bore down upon him. The man's leap carried him clear across the track and his forehead struck the third rail, sending up a shower of sparks.

Motorman Adolphus Henry Mason of 1875 Lyman place, The Bronx, saw the man jump and put on his brakes hard, but the front car struck the man's body and drove it along wedged under the forward truck for twenty-five feet, mangleing it horribly.

Traffic was delayed half an hour while the front car was being jacked up and the body taken out. The body was taken to the Fifth street station, where letters and papers showed that it was that of Karl Paul Schmidt, 28 years old, of 401 East Sixty-fourth street, a waiter in Pabst's Harlem Casino. A military passport in the man's pocket showed that he had served as a marine in the German Navy from 1888 to Sept. 23, 1901. A wedding ring was found in his pocket marked "L. B. 23-04."

Coroner Goldenkrantz, who lives near by, heard of the suicide and came down and viewed the body. The motorman was arrested.

Meantime, attracted by the shrieks of women and shouts of men on the platform and the motorman's whistle, a great crowd gathered. When Solomon Jeeves, who lives on the third floor of 158 First avenue, threw up his window to look out a curtain blew across a gas jet and was set on fire. An alarm was sent in, and the arrival of the fire department added to the confusion. The fire was quickly put out.

Before traffic was fully resumed on the Second avenue line an hour had elapsed. Meanwhile the traffic on the Third avenue line became greatly congested.

Charles Winters, manager of Pabst's Harlem Casino, said last night that he didn't think Schmidt had thrown himself in front of the train.

"I think the man was either pushed or fell off the platform," said Winters, "because he had no reason to kill himself. Schmidt only returned to this country a few days ago from Germany, where he went to be married.

"He was to have returned to work at 5:30 o'clock to-night. The waiter was one of our best employees, and he had saved considerable money."

The waiters in Pabst's pooled their tips for the night, and the total will be turned over to Schmidt's widow.

NINE SCHOOLGIRLS KILLED. Thirty of Them Precipitated into a Vault by the Giving Way of a Floor. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 23.—Nine schoolgirls were killed near here to-day. About thirty girls, ranging from 8 to 14 years, were in a building a little apart from the public school building in Pleasant Ridge, a suburb, during the recess this forenoon, when the floor suddenly gave way, precipitating a burr into a vault. One little girl escaped. She was standing in the doorway as she could into the school building, where she told Principal Zimmerman of the accident.

Zimmerman dropped his work and ran to the rescue. He believes he rescued ten or twelve of the girls before any assistance reached him. Teachers and other men were brought hurriedly. In a few minutes the dead and living were removed. Nine dead bodies were carried into the schoolhouse. Several of the rescued are severely hurt, one probably mortally.

Little Elsie Schorr, who was one of the children rescued, says that she was one of the first of the pupils to reach the building. As the last of them entered the floor gave way.

Coroner Weaver arrived early from Cincinnati. He says he has discovered that the supports of the floor had been entirely unsafe for a long time.

\$50,000,000 SUIT WITHDRAWN. Mrs. Greenough's Demand for That Sum From H. H. Rogers Dismissed. BOSTON, Sept. 23.—The \$50,000,000 suit recently brought by Elizabeth P. Greenough, administratrix of the estate of Benjamin F. Greenough, against Henry H. Rogers was dismissed this afternoon in the Supreme Court by mutual consent. Mrs. Greenough endeavored to recover a quarter of a cent for every gallon of oil sold by the Standard Oil Company under a certain process.

Years ago Mr. Greenough made an assignment of his patent and rights to Mr. Rogers and Charles Platt, for which it is alleged he was to receive a quarter of a cent for each gallon of oil. After that it is alleged Messrs. Rogers and Platt turned the rights over to the Standard Oil Company.

Students Sent by China to a Virginia School. RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 23.—Yin Hsing Wen and Ting Chiu Chen, Government students from Canton, China, have entered the Virginia Military Institute.

An experience that every American traveler should have is a ride on the Empire State Express of the New York Central.—Ad.