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MISSIONARY DAY.

The Cause of Foreign Missions Pleaded at Washington Grove.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

WASHINGTON GROVE CAMP MEETING, August 5, 1896.

The first full day of the camp meeting was one of uninterrupted devotion from sunrise until late evening. Despite the torrid heat of the day, a deep fervor of spirit permeated the devotions and hearts expanded and purse strings loosened at the earnest pleadings of the large-souled women who had rallied here to talk and to pray for the work in foreign fields. The key note of missions was sounded at the morning prayer meeting, led by Dr. Peck, in the tabernacle at 6:45.

Rev. Mr. Beall of the Gaithersburg circuit conducted an impressive prayer service at 9:15 a.m., at which many testimonials were heard.

A fairly good congregation came to the tabernacle at the 11 a.m. bell call, and was rewarded by hearing a practical and soul-stirring sermon from the presiding elder, Dr. L. B. Wilson, from the text "Where is He?" John vii, 11.

The mothers' meeting in the Y. P. Temple at 2 p.m. was a sacred hour and marked by perfect consecration. Mrs. Clara Cohen presided, and short talks were given by Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Hartsock, Mrs. Dore and Mrs. Altschu.

At the same hour the children were gathered in the auditorium, and their joyously fresh voices in song were ringing through the encampment. Rev. Chas. Pate was instructing them, and Mrs. Clara Roach doing effective revival work among the little folks, of which the Grove can muster a mighty band.

Promptly at 3 p.m. "Coronation" rang out through the responsive trees, led by the mighty preacher in song, Prof. Henry Wilson, the pioneer chorister of Washington Grove, and the expectant cottagers knew that the missionary service was begun and hastened to the Tabernacle. Mrs. S. D. La Fetra read an appropriate scriptural lesson, which was followed by an earnest invocation of the Divine blessing by Mrs. S. M. Hartsock. "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night," was sung with unction, and the presiding officer, Mrs. L. S. Beiler, introduced Rev. J. E. Scott of India, who is a genial, whole-souled man and an aggressive and gifted preacher.

The congregation was greatly instructed and enthused by the earnest message he brought from afar, and liberally gave to the cause in the collection which followed.

Miss Grace Altschu sang "Happy Day" very acceptably, and Mrs. E. B. Stevens was called to the rostrum and gave one of her inimitable and convincing talks in behalf of not India only, but all foreign lands which are asking for the Bread of Life. The offering, taken by Mrs. Johnson and Miss Jackson, was a generous one and very gratifying to the official board.

Mrs. T. H. Martyn of Hamline spoke interestingly of "Mite Box Gleanings," and Miss Nannie Turner submitted an encouraging report of the children's work for missions.

A plea for "The Friend," the literary organ of foreign societies, was made by Mrs. Lydia H. Tilton, after which Dr. Scott sang, by request, two solos in the unique dialect and musical arrangement of his adopted country. The meeting closed with a night doxology of praise and benediction by Dr. L. B. Wilson. The initial service of the young people, held at twilight in the temple, was well attended and very profitable, under the conduct of Rev. Dr. Strickland, with Miss Altschu at the piano.

At 8 p.m. the entire resident population assembled at the auditorium and listened to a strong, searching and inspiring sermon delivered by Dr. E. Olin Eldridge, based upon John xi:13, "The Master is come and calleth for thee." It was a powerful appeal for entire consecration. The singing at this evening's service was an inspiration, led by Professor Henry Wilson, ably seconded by Professor Frank Wilson of Foundry.

Mrs. Isaac Burch skillfully presided at the organ, and Mr. Wm. Palmer inspired the congregation with a beautiful solo, "I Will Die at My Post."

Mrs. J. M. Slarrow and son arrived here today and are registered at the Hotel Albany. She is accompanied by her sister, Miss Nell Gordon.

Miss Kate Drane and Miss Claflin of Baltimore came today to remain in camp during the services.

Mrs. George Gartrel is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Frances Garrett.

Gladness Comes

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Free Silver Democrats and Populists in Harmony.

REPUBLICANS HARMONIOUS

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

OMAHA, Neb., August 3, 1896.

The week just closed has shown extraordinary activity among leaders of all parties. Never before in the political history of Nebraska, even in presidential years, has there been greater energy manifested among partisans of all political divisions. Republicans regarded Nebraska reasonably safe until the nomination of W. J. Bryan at Chicago and a few days later the indorsement of Bryan by the populist state convention which named delegates to the populist national convention. These events opened the eyes of Nebraska republicans and sound money democrats so that lines are now being drawn for the greatest political battle ever fought out on Nebraska soil.

The important development of the week was the announcement that Secretary J. Sterling Morton would be put up by the sound money democrats of Nebraska as a candidate for the presidential nomination at the hands of the sound money democratic national convention soon to be called. However, this announcement may have been received abroad, it was heralded among the old-school sound money democrats of Nebraska with great satisfaction and, in many instances, with enthusiasm. Secretary Morton stands high in the estimation of simon pure democracy in Nebraska. His followers believe and have repeatedly and publicly charged that the free silver democrats under the Bryan banner are actually populists masquerading in democratic clothes. Mortonian democracy in Nebraska is synonymous with sound money democracy. Last year's election developed the fact that this party can muster from 25,000 to 30,000 votes. Since the Chicago convention its leaders have been at sea. A number of conferences have been held, with a view to determining a line of action in what is termed a crisis in Nebraska politics, if not in national politics. It has been the intention to issue a manifesto, to form sound money democratic leagues and clubs, to employ speakers from abroad and to make an organized, stubborn fight within the democratic party for the principles long adhered to by that party, and especially for the doctrine of a sound and stable currency. This pronouncement, however, has been delayed awaiting advices from the east. It was desired that whatever action might be taken should conform to a policy in the east mapped out by the national leaders.

This was the situation when the announcement of Secretary Morton's candidacy was made by his friends and confidential advisers this week. They appreciate the importance of defeating Bryan in his own state, and they have halted between two opinions, viz.: Will the sound money democrats vote for McKinley or will they decline to vote for the republican nominee in the absence of a sound money democratic nominee?

It has come to be the sentiment of men whose judgment rules the party in Nebraska that a sound money democratic candidate for the presidency is essential to success in Nebraska. It is believed that if Secretary Morton be nominated for the presidency that his ticket or the democratic electors named in the state will poll not less than 35,000 votes. In this way, it is positively asserted, a large number of voters could be dissuaded from supporting Bryan.

Secretary Morton reached home this week. He was waited on by many democrats here, who urged him to permit them and their friends to use his name in connection with the presidential nomination. It is the one topic of conversation among his friends and advisers, not only in Omaha, but in South Omaha, Lincoln and Nebraska City. He has made no public statement with regard to the matter, but has maintained the attitude assumed by him prior to the Chicago convention, when his friends besought him to stand for the presidential nomination, in case the Chicago convention could be saved from populistic domination. He has neither assented nor declined.

The second important political event of the week was a meeting of the so-called free silver democratic state central committee at Lincoln Thursday evening. There was a large attendance, and in the executive session Nominee Bryan participated. It was decided by the committee to hold a state convention in Omaha, probably August 25. Yet the date has not been definitely fixed. The committee discussed the general plan of campaign as to state, congressional and electoral tickets. It was announced that populist leaders are in favor of giving the free silver democrats two places on the populist state ticket to be nominated in the populist state convention at Hastings August 5.

This concession is in return for the populistic indorsement of Bryan at Grand Island July 15. The chairman of the committee was authorized to appoint a committee of five to confer with the populist convention later.

Silver Men in Agreement.

Thus it is seen that the free silver democrats of Nebraska are working in perfect harmony with the populists, not only in the interest of the electoral ticket, but all tickets to be put in the field. It will also be noted that the silver democrats wisely fixed the date of their convention after the populists'. There is, if reports can be relied upon, a large faction of malcontents within the populist party who are not satisfied with the turn affairs have taken with respect to the national ticket. As stated above, party leaders surrendered principle, prospective office, and endangered the party organization when at Grand Island it indorsed the candidacy of W. J. Bryan for the sake of expediency. It was a part of the compact that free silver democrats were to support the populist state ticket in return for the Bryan indorsement. This bargain and sale could doubtless have been carried out in a large measure but for the attitude Bryan has assumed with respect to his running-mate, Sewall, as against the choice of the national populist convention—Tom Watson.

Bryan's telegrams to his friends in the national convention have been given wide publicity and his recent interviews at Lincoln reaffirming his fidelity to Sewall and declaring that he would take no action unfavorable to Sewall have created dissension in the ranks of the populists. It is openly charged that the Grand Island convention was not representative of the true sentiment of a majority of populists with respect to the national ticket and that on election day they will resent the action taken.

In this position they are strengthened by the present attitude of Mr. Bryan. The populists of Nebraska do not know Sewall and what they have heard of him does not create a favorable impression among them. They believe and say that, inasmuch as the populist national convention indorsed Bryan on the grounds of expediency, that the latter with his friends are morally bound to return the compliment and support the candidacy of Tom Watson. In short, they believe Tom Watson represents their sentiments and their principles wholly, while they know that Mr. Bryan does not. On this score Bryan made a serious blunder from the populist standpoint in announcing the other day that there were many features of the St. Louis platform which he could not indorse and wanted it understood that he stood firmly and flatly upon the Chicago platform. Thus everything that Bryan has done or said during and subsequent to the populist convention has added to the discomfiture of Nebraska populists.

Republican Harmony.

This is the situation in Nebraska today, based upon reliable reports and from the statements of men in a position to know it. Sound money democrats and republicans therefore are taking advantage of the confusion and demoralization the populists and the silver democrats have brought upon themselves. As for the republicans, there has not for thirty years been a higher degree of harmony pervading their entire organization.

The only defection known is in the big sixth congressional district in the northwestern section of the state, now represented in Congress by O. M. Kem, populist. Kem, by the way, is the only populist Nebraska has in Congress, and the nomination of A. E. Cady of Howard county, a stanch republican, will, it is confidently predicted, gain a seat in the next Congress from that district.

There is also a little defection in the third and fifth congressional districts, now represented in Congress by republicans, and which are sure to return republicans to the next Congress. The republican party organization within the state is stronger today than ever before, and the energy displayed by party leaders and by the state committee, even at this early day, is without precedent. County committees are perfecting a most thorough organization, which goes in turn to every precinct, where McKinley sound money clubs are being organized, equipped and supplied with able speakers. For the past two weeks leading republican speakers have been making dates throughout the state, something never before done in July in a Nebraska campaign.

A peculiar feature of the predictions as to results is that there seems to be no question of the election of the republican state ticket as against the populist state ticket; expressions of doubt all apparently going to the outcome of the electoral ticket. This is due, of course, to the nomination of a Nebraskan by the Chicago convention, for Bryan's personal popularity is great, and is an element that must be reckoned with.

Close Figuring.

Two notable predictions have been made as to the outcome of the election in this state. Senator John M. Thurston, in a recent interview, said that McKinley would carry the state by a plurality of not less than 10,000. Governor Silas A. Holcomb, in an interview this week, gave the figures to support his prediction that Bryan would carry the state by at least 10,000. Many other politicians, quite as competent as the distinguished gentlemen quoted, are not so sanguine.

That the contest over the electoral tickets will be close is quite generally conceded. The national republican committee realizes this fact, and the first speakers of national fame assigned to the stump by Mr. Hahn of the Chicago branch were sent to Nebraska.

The Newspapers.

The influential newspapers of Nebraska are, with but one or two exceptions, republican in politics and strong advocates of a sound and stable currency. The railroads, which, as is the case in every western state, exert a powerful influence in political matters, are solidly arrayed against the populist ticket. With them it will be a battle of self preservation, for success of Bryan electors in Nebraska will mean the election of a populist legislature, which will convene next January. The effect of such a result can be easily foreseen by the average reader. The railroad managers believe it would mean practical confiscation of their property interests, and that contiagency coming upon the heels of the past few years of business depression and partial crop failures is looked upon as a menace and forerunner of disaster. It is against the combined force of all these potent political factors that Bryan and his populistic supporters must array themselves.

At best their organization is weak, and added to this the dissensions and confusion now prevailing among them certainly does not afford a basis for the confident prediction of their success in the election. The republicans are making a house-to-house canvass in every town, village and precinct to learn the extent of the change of sentiment, if any, among voters who have heretofore supported the party, and also among the populists. It is the intention to ascertain by this means, if possible, the full extent of the free silver party and to verify the reports coming in that the farming element is largely for free silver, while the business men and influential citizens of towns and villages are uniformly for sound money.

Speakers will be sent to every town and every district school house in the state, fortified with facts and arguments as against the free silver heresy, which has not been systematically combated by either republicans or democrats in this state. It has held the boards with undisputed sway.

The leaders of sound money democracy in Omaha state that it is the intention soon to hold a conference and arrange for the selection of state delegates to the national convention, and to adopt a platform consonant with the views of the party in this state and abroad. This conference was set for this week, but for some reason postponed. Its action is anxiously awaited by both sound money democrats and republicans.

SENATOR CANNON'S DECLARATION.

He Urges Utah Republicans to Vote for Bryan.

From a Letter to the Salt Lake Tribune.

The republican financial plank adopted at St. Louis represents, to my mind, the worst form in which the single gold standard can be presented to the American people. It admits, by inference, the wrong of that standard, and in cold blood repudiates the only possible method of its rectification. To such a plank there is, in my judgment, neither honor nor palliation. As a republican, I cannot and will not support it at the polls, nor will I support by vote, voice or pen the election of the men who were nominated upon that plank.

No severance from the republican party or from party faith is hereby involved. It is my hope that the republican party of Utah, when it shall assemble in convention, will reiterate its declarations of past years; will nominate a complete ticket, including presidential electors, selecting for its nominees for all offices republicans of pronounced conviction and utterance, of tried and approved courage, of firm belief in bimetallism and protection; will pledge the republican electors of this state, if the party shall succeed at the polls, to cast their ballots in the electoral college for William J. Bryan of Nebraska for President.

There is no necessity for republicans to enter into the democratic party or to vote its ticket in order to work effectively for bimetallism. On the contrary, three republican electors from Utah and other republican electors from surrounding states, by casting their vote in the electoral college for William J. Bryan, as a bimetallist, will do more for bimetallism than democratic electors from the same states, and performing the same act would do; for this reason—that elevated to the presidency by the vote of men who themselves have arisen superior to partisanship, William J. Bryan would feel that his fellow-citizens, of all classes and all parties, had realized with him the sanctity of this mighty cause, and had found in him its trusted defender. The people of Utah, of all parties, could do no more gracious or helpful act than to invest this responsibility and authority in republican hands under solemn covenant, to thus cast the electoral vote of the state, since many republicans here expect to and are willing to trust a still greater authority to William J. Bryan, a democratic bimetallist.

Congressional Nominations.

First West Virginia—Populists: Thomas M. Stone of Wetzel county.

Eleventh Texas—Republicans: Judge J. H. Gross of Corpus Christi.

Tenth Texas—Populists: Noah Allen of Galveston.

The tenth Texas democratic convention is in a deadlock. Congressman Gresham has withdrawn his name, as the district is for silver and he is for gold.

Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania—Populists: Dr. J. R. Borland of Franklin.

Thirteenth Indiana—Democrats: Charles K. Ellis of Indianapolis.

Sixth Iowa—Republicans: John F. Lacey of Ottumwa.

Ninth Virginia—Democrats: Judge S. W. Williams of Wytheville.

Fifth Virginia—Republicans: Ex-Congressman John R. Brown of Henry county.

First Kentucky—Republican, G. P. Thompson.

Sixteenth Illinois—Populist, J. D. Hess.

Twelfth Illinois—Populist, G. L. Vance.

Tenth Wisconsin—Republican, J. J. Jenkins.

Seventh Iowa—Republican, J. A. T. Hull.

Third Iowa—Democrat, George Staehle.

Second Virginia—Republican, R. A. Wise.

Colorado Springs Celebrates.

The celebration on a magnificent scale of the quarter centennial of the founding of Colorado Springs in connection with the annual flower carnival began Monday, and will continue all the week. Exercises commemorating the city's twenty-fifth anniversary and the settlement of El Paso county were held last night, valuable historical papers being read by Mr. Irving Howbert, Gen. William J. Palmer, college president; W. F. Slocum, Dr. A. W. Bell and Mr. Casimero Baierla.

Thousands of men are afraid of the lightning, and yet not one man in ten thousand is ever killed by it. Few men are afraid of consumption, and yet it causes one-sixth of all the deaths in the world. It is more deadly than either wars or pestilences. Any sort of wasting disease may lead to consumption. Any slight disorder of the respiratory organs may easily develop it. Weakness of the body, emaciation, lack of vitality are plain invitations for the germs of consumption. Consumption is not entirely a disease of the lungs. It is a disease of the blood that shows itself most strongly in the lungs. It is not—as it used to be considered—incurable. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has changed all that. It will cure ninety-eight per cent. of all cases of consumption if taken in time. It is the most wonderful blood maker and flesh builder in the world. It cures where doctors have failed. It has brought back to life hundreds of men and women who were considered as good as dead.

Mrs. Nancy R. Tubb, of Amory, Monroe Co., Miss., writes: "About ten years ago I suffered an attack of nervous prostration resulting in other troubles which my family physician pronounced consumption. We doctored with him until we lost all hope. I finally happened to find one of Dr. Pierce's little Memorandum Books, saw his medicine recommended and thought I would try it; sent and got one bottle of each—'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Favorite Prescription'—and one bottle of 'Pellets.' As soon as I began to use these medicines my health began to improve, and before I had used one-half dozen bottles I felt almost as strong as I ever was. I am now enjoying good health again. Two years ago I had a little boy who seemed to be subject to phthisic (asthma) and I thought I would try the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and to my surprise it cured him entirely; he has never had another attack."

Trying a Cripple Creek Magistrate.

The trial of "Bob" Mullen, police magistrate of Cripple Creek, Col., has begun before the town board. He is charged with malfeasance, oppression and incompetency. It was shown by witnesses that he threatened to kill George J. Bentley, an attorney, and any one else who should aid in the prosecution of the charges against him. Mullen is accused of saying that he had an organization behind him that would blow off the earth any and all who oppose him. The trial may last a couple of days.

Found With Her Throat Cut.

Annie Boch, twenty-three years old, a dissolute woman, was found dead in bed in New York Monday morning, with her throat cut from ear to ear, in her room in East 23d street. The police believe that the woman was murdered, and are searching for the murderer.

WITH BUT LITTLE CARE AND NO TROUBLE, the beard and mustache can be kept a uniform brown or black color by using Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

SUBURBAN NEWS

ANACOSTIA.

The members of Electa Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held a lawn party last evening at the residence of Mr. Charles R. Dodge on Harrison street. There was a large attendance, and visitors were present from every portion of the District.

While Miss Bessie Owens and Miss Sarah Myers of Anacostia were out driving in the city last evening in a carriage they undertook to cross the railway tracks at 14th street and New York avenue, and the result was their vehicle was struck by a Columbia cable car and badly damaged. The ladies were thrown out, but were not seriously hurt.

It is understood that work on the Capital railway line from Congress Heights to the Navy Yard will be begun in a short time. Mr. Randle, the general manager, has applied to the District Commissioners for the necessary permit, and as soon as this is granted the construction of the road will, it is said, be commenced.

HERNDON.

A number of the children of Herndon were delightfully entertained by the Misses Thornton Thursday last in their home at Wehle. Those present were the Misses Sidney and Ruth Duffie, Annie and Lizzie Darlington, Blanche, Beulah and Ruth Detweiler, Mabel Horseley and Latane Clopton, Mary Lee and Roberta Castleman, and Masters John, Reuben and Stanley Duffie.

The "Fortnightly Club" met at the residence of Miss Mary Buell Saturday, August 1. Those present were Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Duffie, Mrs. Buell and the Misses Mary and Virginia Castleman, Annie and Ellen Thornton, Anna Mason, Annie Robey, May Bready, Ina Steele, Carrie Settle and Mary Buell. The afternoon was devoted to the study of Ian Maclaren's life, character and works, and interesting matter was contributed by many members. The club will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Mitchell.

The Endeavorers held an echo meeting Sunday evening, opening with a song service of fifteen minutes, followed by a solo and chorus, "Scatter Sunshine," solo by Dr. C. E. Yount; prayer by Dr. Mason; solo and chorus, "Let a Little Sunshine In," solo by E. L. Howard, after which followed very interesting reports of the Washington '96 convention by the delegates, Misses Mary Bready, Emma Starr, Katie Groh and G. E. Mitchell; then a duet, "Saved by Grace," Misses May Simonds and Katie Groh, and chorus by the society.

GAITHERSBURG.

Mrs. Mary J. Gray died Wednesday morning at the home of her son, Mr. John W. Gray, near the station, of old age, being eighty years of age. The remains were carried to Philadelphia this morning for interment.

Mrs. Ann Maria Duley, wife of Mr. E. Gilmore Duley, and mother of Bailiff Charles A. Spates, Mrs. John T. Martin, Miss Blanche Spates and Messrs. Harry and Gilmore Duley, died suddenly Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness of heart disease. She was aged sixty-three and well known.

The new Baptist Chapel at Edward's Ferry will be dedicated Sunday. Appropriate all-day services will be held. The pastor, Rev. Lewis Jones, will be assisted by a number of visiting clergymen.

Mr. James H. Clagett, a prominent farmer and citizen, died yesterday at his home near town. He was seventy-nine years old, and his death was due to a general decline of vigor. Mr. Clagett had a very large relationship, marrying twice—first, Miss Thrift, and then Miss Gloyd, families resulting from the union in both cases. Until very recently he was active in politics, holding the office of registrar for his district as a democrat. He was also closely identified with the M. E. Church South, where the funeral and interment will take place tomorrow morning.

The Volunteer Fire Company is gratified in the marked success of its fifth annual picnic, held yesterday in Darby's Grove. Two hundred dollars were realized, and will be used for the better equipment of the fire department. The tournament was the first attraction, and both amateur and professional riders contested. Capt. John G. Capers delivered the charge. Those successful in the amateur class were: Masters Harry Newton, Allan Rutherford, Bernard Diamond and Clyde Griffith. Mr. Lee M. Lipscomb delivered the coronation address to them, and Misses Nellie Rutherford, Marie Talbott, Fannie Lipscomb and Wertie Griffith were crowned. Among the professionals, Dr. I. G. Warfield, Lee M. Lipscomb, Vernon Owen and James Reed took the honors. Misses Fannie Florida Lipscomb, Grace Monro, M. W. and Margaret Kinsey were the recipients of their admiration, receiving the crowns in the order mentioned. Mr. Alexander Kilgour of the Rockville Band addressed them. The judges were J. T. Gloyd, Wm. Owen and Nicholas Griffith. Following the tournament were a number of athletic events, resulting as follows: Bicycle races—Quarter-mile dash, won by Watson Newton; half-mile dash, won by Mr. Houghton of Washington. Numerous other festivities ensued, with the dancing in greatest favor, and continuing into the night to the strains of excellent music by a Washington orchestra. For the success of this feature Messrs. R. Dorsey Trundle, P. Smith Lansdale, Lloyd Dorsey, D. W. Baker, Dr. Israel G. Warfield, the committee, received great credit.

BROOKLAND.

Mr. Henry Birch is spending the month of August at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Bonsall and children are visiting relatives in Baltimore. They will remain away three weeks.

Mr. Charles Follin has returned from Richmond. Mr. Follin will spend this month in Brookland, but will return south to resume business by September 1.

Mrs. R. R. West has gone to Luray, W. Va., for a few days.

Mrs. A. E. Gregory has returned from a visit to Sligo, Md.

Mrs. William Quinn and son Seabury will return from their outing at Colton's Point Saturday.

Mr. Joseph P. Burg has returned from a short stay at Atlantic City.

Mr. B. T. McCormick is visiting his grandparents at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Misses Fannie and Alice Marean will spend the remainder of the summer at Colton's Point, Md.

Miss F. Clarke has returned from Delaware Cottage Farm, St. Mary's county, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lynch and their daughters, Nannie Lacey and Bessie, will leave in a few days to camp near Culpeper, Va.

Miss Elizabeth Tyler was the recent guest of the Misses Small on the Brentwood road.

Mr. Oliver and family have taken a house on Providence street.

Mr. Franklin T. Howe, jr., returned yesterday from Atlantic City.

Miss Mamie Pond has returned from her recent visit to Falls Church, Va.

There are a number of small boys who gather on the ball grounds every evening, and by their boisterous behavior, quarreling and fighting make it very disagreeable for those who come within hearing. The base ball team think it might reflect discredit on them, and have called upon the police who patrol that part of Brookland to look out for the small boys in the afternoon.

FALLS CHURCH.

The Fairfax Conversational Club held a meeting Tuesday night at the residence of Mr. Isaac Crossman with Prof. W. W. Kinsley, president, in the chair, and Miss Rilla Crossman acting secretary. The subject of the evening was "Money," and was presented in an able paper by Prof. Robert Nourse, who reviewed the different kinds of money that had been in use for ages past. The subject was discussed by most of those present, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Parker, Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Kinsley, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Erwin, Mrs. M. D. Moore, Mrs. M. A. Garner, Misses Gertrude Nourse, Margie Garner, Mallie Mutersbaugh, Fannie Moore, Susie and Mary Crossman, Messrs. H. C. Evans, Prof. Robert Nourse, C. W. Parker, Lieut. Barry and J. B. Mutersbaugh.

The clerk of the corporation has completed the assessment of personal property in the town, and, with the assessment of real estate as taken from the county books, the total amount of assessed property in the corporation is $355,036.00, being $22,370.65 less than last year. This decrease is due to the fact that the assessment of real estate, which is taken every five years, goes into effect this year and the values were reduced in many cases by the land assessor.

Miss Ida Moreland is attending the temperance bush meeting in Loudoun county and visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Quick of Washington is visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Quick.

Mr. W. H. Moreland, who has been quite sick, is improving. Mr. A. E. Lounsbury is also recovering from injuries received while at his work repairing a building.

The town council will hold an important meeting Monday night at the council rooms.

Mr. W. E. Parker, deputy grand chief templar, assisted by Mr. Roscoe Hawxhurst, acting grand marshal, and Miss Ida N. Ball, acting deputy grand marshal, installed the officers of Pioneer Lodge of Good Templars on Tuesday night.

Mr. J. N. Gibson is building a dwelling house on his lot purchased of Mrs. Brown at East Falls Church.

Mr. Geo. T. Mankin has returned from a pleasure trip to Manhattan Beach, Ocean Grove and other seashores.

Mr. W. T. Sprankle has purchased of his brother, Mr. D. M. Sprankle, his interest in the home farm for $1,666.

HYATTSVILLE.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Lakeland Bryan and Sewall Club was held at Lakeland last evening, with Vice President J. Enos Ray in the chair and John T. Burch secretary. The Mt. Pleasant Band played patriotic airs during the intervals between the speeches. The following gentlemen addressed the meeting: Milton E. Smith of Branchville, Charles H. Turner of Washington, W. S. McKeen, secretary of the New Jersey Association of Democratic Clubs, and Robert E. Mattingly of Washington. The speakers were enthusiastically applauded. W. T. Whalen of Washington sang an original campaign song, entitled "The Jeffersonian Banner," the audience joining in the chorus. The club decided to join the National Association of Democratic Clubs. It now consists of 350 members. A pole-raising will be held at Lakeland at 1 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, the 15th instant, at which a number of distinguished speakers will address the meeting.

Ben China, the colored barber of Hyattsville, was arraigned before Justice Carr yesterday morning on the charge of assault and battery against Fritz Damback. The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined $6.46. Damback had him afterward bound over to keep the peace for six months, and he was placed under a peace bond for $100.

Miss Lena Leben of Baltimore is the guest of Mrs. George D. Fischer.

At a regular meeting of the county commissioners, held Tuesday, with a full board in attendance, the following bids were received for the building of two iron bridges, one over the Little Paint branch in Vansville district, the other over Northwest branch, on the Queen's Chapel road, in Bladensburg district: C. H. Smith, Elkton, Md., $3,700; Youngstown Bridge Company, $3,800; West Virginia Bridge Company, $3,825; Groton Bridge Company, $3,795; King Bridge Company, Cleveland, Ohio, $3,874; Nelson & Buchanan, Chambersburg, Pa., $3,835; Wrought Iron Bridge Company, Canton, Ohio, $3,710. The award will not be made until the next meeting. The following orders were passed: That the following road and bridge accounts be passed and paid: W. M. Baden, fourth district, $94.10; C. J. Klobe, seventh district, $69.90; R. H. Curtain, ninth district, $84.75; Robert F. Hicks, fourteenth district, $61.65; Joseph H. Owens, first district, $26; G. W. Hopkins, fourteenth district, $44.81; Patrick Herd, third district, $31.81; Lewis C. Beall, $2.25; Wm. Beaven, second district, $130; Charles W. Randall, sixth district, $2.70; Maryland Grange Agency, $5; B. N. Hardisty, fourteenth district, $4.63; N. O. Ridgley, third district, $60; R. H. Robinson, eleventh district, $86.47; Marcellus Robey, first district, $298.70; William R. Phillips, fifteenth district, $99.90; W. W. Watson, eighth district, $43.20; Frank Day, sixth district, $42; H. T. Rawlings, fourth district, $69.75; R. T. Hicks, fourteenth district, $47.50; James T. Grimes, twelfth district, $47.35; John F. Clements, fifth district, $70.43; C. R. Kohl & Bro., third district, $30; Theo. Maske, sixth district, $25. That $50 be appropriated to be expended under the supervision of J. S. Gardiner on the road leading from Mattawoman swamp to public school house in Nottingham district.

That Joseph T. Bayne, supervisor for Spalding's district, be directed to expend balance of road appropriation assigned to him on or before August 18. That the report of County Health Officer Dr. Geo. C. Stewart for the quarter ending August 4 be adopted. That $200 additional be appropriated for improvement of female public school in Upper Marlboro', to be levied in March, 1897. That $50 be appropriated for cutting down Bowser's Hill in Queen Anne district. That $50 be appropriated out of road and bridge surplus to be expended on public road leading from Friendly Post Office to Upper Marlboro, under Supervisor Dennis Thorn.

NEBRASKA'S FERTILITY.

Eastern Tourists Astonished at the Exhibition.

The special train bearing a party of tourists from the east arrived at Holredge, Neb., Tuesday morning. They are on a tour of inspection of the crops of Nebraska. To state it plainly they are delighted beyond measure at the fine prospect of an immense corn harvest, which has met their gaze on all sides since the train entered the state two days ago. During that time they have seen, they admit, as fine fields of corn as could be found anywhere. Corn is now almost made. It is cleaner and stronger than for several years past, and as the rainfall has been regular and all-sufficient, it is more luxuriant, and the ears are almost heavy enough to break off of their own weight. There were fairly good yields of all small and large grain crops there last year, but nothing to compare with the prospect for this season.

Wheat, oats, and other small grain and hay are all harvested, and now the farmers are threshing as fast as they can. All these facts were noticed by the members of this party and they refer jokingly to the widely accredited statements that Nebraska is a droughty state. These statements were all the result of one dry season, 1894, which all the states are willing to admit was a universally disastrous year for the entire country.

Some intelligence of their coming preceded the party and at various points along the route of the Burlington road the farmers hurriedly selected samples of their crops, orchard and garden products, and showed them. Ears of corn, magnificent in size; oats and wheat sheaves averaging five feet in height and splendidly headed were shown them. Baskets of fine apples, peaches and other fruits were handed to them to test their eating qualities, and samples of beets, potatoes and other vegetables were on hand for notice.

Nearby Courts-Martial.

A general court-martial is in session at Fort McHenry, Md., for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it.

The detail for the court is Captain William Everett and Lieutenants John A. Lundeen, James L. Wilson, Clarence Deems, Adelbert Cronkhite, Clarence C. Williams, Brooke Payne, John E. McMahon, judge advocate.

Lieutenant Payne is of the 5th Artillery. All the others are of the 4th Artillery.

A general court-martial has been appointed to meet at Fort Monroe, Va., today for the trial of prisoners. The detail for the court is Captains John L. Tiernon, 3d Artillery; John P. Story, 4th Artillery; George G. Greenough, 4th Artillery; John M. K. Davis, 1st Artillery; William F. Stewart, 4th Artillery; Louis V. Caziarc, 2d Artillery; Lieutenants Charles F. Parker, 2d Artillery; Elmer W. Hubbard, 3d Artillery; George O. Squier, 3d Artillery; Alfred M. Hunter, 4th Artillery; William C. Davis, 5th Artillery; Frank W. Coe, 1st Artillery; Samuel A. Kephart, 4th Artillery; Harvey C. Carbaugh, 5th Artillery, judge advocate.

They Will Not Support Bryan.

Logan Carlisle, chief clerk of the Treasury Department, and a son of the Secretary, has announced that he would not and could not support the Chicago ticket on a free silver platform. W. K. Carlisle, another son of the Secretary, who lives in Chicago, has also declared that he would not support Bryan and Sewall.

AUCTION SALES OF REAL ESTATE, &c.

Today.

Walter B. Williams & Co., Aucts., 10th and Pa. ave. n.w.—4½ st. s.w., dwelling No. 1256. Sale Thursday, August 6, at 4:30 o'clock p.m. L. Cabell Williamson, trustee.

Tomorrow.

Ratcliffe, Sutton and Co., Aucts., 920 Pa. ave. n.w.—Unimproved real estate in Springvale, or Bailey's Purchase. Sale Friday, August 7, at 4:30 o'clock p.m. W. W. Wright and George H. Wright, trustees.

C. G. Sloan & Co., Aucts., 1407 G st. n.w.—East Capitol st., dwelling No. 721. Sale Friday, August 7, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. Washington Danenhower and W. Irving Boswell, trustees.

AUCTION SALES.

FUTURE DAYS.

WALTER B. WILLIAMS & CO., AUCTIONEERS.

GOVERNMENT SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE PROPERTY AND MATERIAL AT THE MAIL BAG EQUIPMENT SHOPS, NOS. 479 AND 481 C STREET NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C. On THURSDAY, AUGUST THIRTEENTH, 1896, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M., will be sold, at public auction, at the government mail bag equipment shops, Nos. 479 and 481 C street northwest, a quantity of unserviceable property, such as 25,000 lbs. Jute Heads, with Rings, more or less; 1,800 lbs. Clean Canvas, more or less; 200 lbs. Dirty Canvas, more or less; 1,000 lbs. Strings, more or less; 4,400 lbs. Cold-rolled