The Weather Today.
Fair and cooler.
Thunder-storms in morning.
Northwesterly winds.

The MORNING Times

252,999 was the TIMES' circulation for last week.
The STAR'S circulation for last week was . . . 160,645

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HIS ADIEU TO CLEVELAND

Times' Story of Hoke Smith's Resignation Verified.

MUCH COMMENT CREATED

He Wanted to Pose as a Martyr in His Native State, But the President Wouldn't Have It That Way. Gossip as to His Probable Successor.

A great deal of space was given Saturday and yesterday, in local and New York papers, to substantially the same facts in relation to the resignation of Hoke Smith, as were published on Friday in The Times. It was a somewhat curious circumstance that no paper except The Times found ample justification for the statement on Friday last of the resignation of the Secretary of the Interior in his visit to Democratic headquarters on that day.

The story published in The Times on Friday, analyzing the call of the Secretary at the Demopopulistargentiferous triple-headed machine shop, on Fifteenth street, on Thursday last, and the love feast which took place there between him and Senator Faulkner, has been talked of a good deal. It practically verified the report of the resignation of the heavy-weight Secretary and showed why, in view of his desertion of the Cabinet, the Cabinet would probably desert him instead of President Cleveland. Mr. Smith's attempt to stampede the Cabinet to silver, which is now the correct phrase, went off like wet Georgia firecrackers.

GOING TO GEORGIA.

He is said to be absolutely impenetrable to the interviewer as to where he is to take his summer vacation, although it is rumored that he is to make some stump speeches in Georgia. It will be a difficult undertaking in that State, because the flat has gone forth from People's party headquarters that Tom Watson is to be regarded as the candidate of the Populist party, and down in "ole Georgy" they haven't fused yet. When Secretary Smith starts in with his argument to show why Sewall should be substituted for Watson in Georgia he will have a mighty hard row to hoe, as they say in the saloons on Peachtree avenue, Atlanta, Ga., in which city Mr. Smith was a prominent figure before he went to New York after Cleveland's last election and told the reporters there that his name was Hoke, not Hoche, the first rival of the great Napoleon.

Notwithstanding his impenetrability, one of the clerks at Democratic headquarters told The Times of an open air meeting between Secretary Smith and a member of the Silver Knight staff Saturday afternoon on Fifteenth street, opposite the Treasury building. The Silver Knight man approached the Secretary suddenly and said:

"Mr. Secretary, I am glad to see that you have come out openly for the Silver party."

"I have not come out for the Silver party," replied the Secretary, and with that he put both hands into his pants pockets, one in each pocket, and this closed the interview. What Secretary Smith said was probably true, but he has come out for the Democratic party as he terms the party or parties or persons represented at the late Chicago convention. The incident, however, is the nearest in which Mr. Smith has come to saying anything.

WANTED TO BE A MARTYR.

There is another good story about Mr. Smith. It is said that he intended to do certain things that would have made him a martyr, and if there is anything that goes in the South more than martyrdom it has not yet been discovered. It is believed that Mr. Smith put the silver chip on his shoulder and dared Cleveland to knock it off, but Mr. Cleveland being fishing and having no time for this kind of acrobatic politics and knowing it would be a good thing for Mr. Smith didn't care to push it along. The President knew that if he "discharged" Mr. Smith without a recommendation it was just the kind of recommendation Mr. Smith wanted, and, therefore, the President didn't discharge to the extent desired by the Smith conspiracy. The President is also said to have considered the question of euphony in his determination not to turn Mr. Smith off. Martyr St. John or St. Sinjin has become a Big Ingin by reason of persecution, but Mr. Cleveland couldn't stand the prospect of a St. Hoke, and so the martyrdom idea was still born.

It is the talk now that when Mr. Smith failed to be dismissed for the offense of coming out for Bryan, but spewing out some of the Chicago platform, he sent in his resignation last Thursday, as noted in The Times on Friday, and threw off the whole domino and went in for Bryan-Sewall, Marion Butler and Hoke Smith. This was the pointer that led everyone to know that Mr. Smith had ejected the sponge.

There was some talk yesterday to the effect that Mr. Smith would be out of his office in a very short time, as he had given up his home here and begun the shipment of his private papers, etc., to his business office in Atlanta. He was also credited with desiring to say nothing about his resignation until the President had time to send his acceptance, which but for the discourtesy might have been expected in a prepaid telegraphic message. All of the other Cabinet officers are going down, if they go down, and that is getting more doubtful every day, with their colors flying.

HIS SUCCESSOR.

It is believed at the department that the resignation takes effect on August 31 and that one of the two Assistant Secretaries of the Interior will probably be appointed to succeed Mr. Smith. The First Assistant Secretary is Gen. William H. Sims of Mississippi, a native of Georgia, who has special charge of all Indian matters and public parks and reservations. Gen. Sims is absent from the city and has been for some time. The position of Acting Secretary in the absence from Washington of the Secretary has generally been filled by the Second Assistant Secretary, Mr. John M. Reynolds of Pennsylvania. His duties have specially pertained to pension matters, which form one of the most important features in the administration of the department.

Gen. Sims' views on the money question are understood to be tinged with the free silver sentiment prevailing in Mississippi. It is regarded as quite certain that the new Cabinet officer, whoever he may be, will be in accord with the President on the sound money question.

Secretary Smith had just returned from a five-mile spin on his bicycle yesterday evening when he was seen. He said he had no further information to add to that already made public about his resignation from the Cabinet. He was much amused at the varied comment of the Eastern press on it, and was free to confess that he had learned a good deal about his early life from reading their various accounts and editorials that up to this time he was in ignorance of. The Interior Department will be left in charge of First Assistant Secretary Sims on September 1 next, unless, in the meantime, the President names a successor to Mr. Smith.

LIGHTNING KILLED MANY

Fatal and Destructive Storms in Indiana and Ohio.

Show Tents Were Wrecked and Elephants Stampeded—Whole Family Killed at Hobart, Ind.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 23.—Dispatches from points in Indiana and Ohio report severe storms last night, accompanied by much destruction of property by lightning and many fatalities. Telegraphic communication is very much impaired and full reports are hard to obtain.

At Indianapolis the wind reached hurricane velocity, but no serious property loss was sustained, nor were any lives lost. The rain fall was very heavy.

Near Rome City, Ind., Arthur Foos, aged fourteen, was killed.

At Elwood, Ind., lightning demolished Rev. T. J. Wright's residence. All the family escaped injury but Mr. Wright, who was horribly burned and paralyzed from the waist down.

Greensburg, Ind., reports heavy damage to crops and several bridges washed away. Mrs. John Baumgardner of Wabash was struck by lightning and fatally injured. Lester Bliss and Neil Bliss, at Delphos, O., were killed by lightning.

At Hobart, Ind., the dwelling of a man named Smith was demolished by lightning and the entire family of three persons killed.

At Huntington, Ind., Wallace's show tents were wrecked at 6:30 last evening by storm. The horses and managerie stampeded and much property was ruined. The elephants caused a panic. The storm unroofed several buildings and blew down a wall of the new Griffith block.

Effingham, Ill., Aug. 23.—The intense heat yesterday ended with a cyclone at 5:30 o'clock last evening. The storm came up with unprecedented rapidity, at 5 o'clock there being no appearance of a storm. The damage will foot up $15,000 to $20,000.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 23.—A severe wind storm visited the States of Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma Territory last night. Several lives were lost and much property destroyed.

BUDGET FROM HONOLULU.

Kilwaoue Volcano Again in Activity. An Editor in Trouble.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 23.—(Special correspondent of the United Associated Presses.) Honolulu, Aug. 15. Capt. John Good, of Company E, of the enlisted men, has been dishonorably discharged for conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman.

Mrs. J. M. Cooke died on June 11 in her seventy-fifth year. She was an historical character as the preceptress of all the later generation of Hawaiian royal chiefs, six of her pupils having ascended the throne. Most of her children possess large wealth.

Kilwaoue volcano increases in activity. Fire fountains are extremely brilliant. Tourist travel to the crater is large.

The late editor of the Hawaiian, Julian D. Hayne, on his recent departure to the East, victimized a number of Honolulu people to the amount of several thousand dollars by means of worthless drafts upon the Bank of Nevada, signed by Mrs. Hayne, who was an elderly widow of property whom he married two years ago. The holders of the drafts are endeavoring to recover from Mrs. Hayne, who seems to be hypnotized by her husband.

MURDERED FOR MONEY.

Cold-Blooded Deed Perpetrated by Two Colored Toughs.

Burlington, N. J., Aug. 23.—A cold blooded murder was committed here last night, when John T. Henke was strangled to death. Alfred Hunter and Thomas Cromwell, two tough colored men, are suspected of the crime.

The two men were seen loitering around the store last night and later were seen to go in a side door. This morning Henke failing to make his appearance, neighbors broke into the room and found the old man lying on the floor covered with blood.

Henke came here from Newcastle, Del., some four years ago, conducted a general store, and was supposed to carry a good deal of money on his person, and, as his pocketbook is missing, it is supposed that the old man was first strangled and then robbed.

The two suspected men were seen here on the street at an early hour this morning and later were observed going towards Bordentown on the railroad track. Officers are scouring the country for them.

White Squadron in New York.

New York, Aug. 23.—The White Squadron, under the command of Rear Admiral Bunce, returned to the naval anchorage off Tompkinsville, in this harbor, today, after a three weeks' successful cruise for drill and evolution. The squadron comprises the New York, the flagship; the Columbia, the Indiana, the Massachusetts, the Cincinnati, the Raleigh and the Newark. The warships will be put in trim to take part in the reception of Li Hung Chang next Friday.

Funeral of F. W. N. Crouch.

Baltimore, Aug. 23.—The funeral of Prof. Frederick William Nicholas Crouch, the well-known composer who died in Portland, Me., last Tuesday, took place from his residence in this city. As the casket was being lowered into the grave, "Kathleen Mavourneen" brought tears to the eyes of the hundreds of friends of the venerable musician.

Death for Clumsy Dancing.

Lebanon, Ky., Aug. 23.—At a dance last night because someone stepped on the train of his partner's dress, George Mays shot and killed Charles Wagner and Charles Pipes, a by-stander, and fatally shot Bud Hardiee. Mays is still at large.

PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN

IS MR MORTON WILLIN'?

Clarion Gold Blast From the Secretary of Agriculture.

IS ADDRESSED TO IOWANS

The Letter Is Believed by Its Recipients to Indicate a Willingness to Accept the Nomination of Sound Money Democrats at Indianapolis. Hot Shot for Silverites.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 23.—L. M. Martin, national committeeman for Iowa in the sound money Democratic organization, is in receipt of a letter from J. Sterling Morton, which Iowa sound money Democrats are disposed to take as a declaration that Mr. Morton is willing to be nominated for President by the Indianapolis convention.

Mr. Morton was asked to attend the Iowa sound money Democratic convention next week. He was unable to do so. In declining, he wrote the leter which follows:

"Arbor Lodge, Nebraska City, Aug. 20, 1896. L. M. Martin, Esq., Marshalltown, Iowa. My Dear Sir: I have your highly-appreciated invitation on behalf of the provisional State committee of the sound money Democrats of Iowa to address the national Democratic State convention in Des Moines Wednesday, August 26, and regret exceedingly that, owing to circumstances over which I have no control, I am not permitted to accept the same.

AN APPEAL TO FARMERS.

"Patriotism should prompt every good citizen of the United States to do all in his power to maintain the present gold standard for our currency. It is a strange thing that any farmer or other citizen of the State of Iowa, which has neither silver mines nor gold bullion and which buys money with cereals and meats, should insist on being paid always only sixteen ounces of silver instead of one ounce of gold when they collect their dues from those who have purchased their products.

"Why are they unwilling to accept thirty-two ounces of silver instead of sixteen for one ounce of gold? Dealers in bullion will give only one ounce of gold for thirty-one or thirty-two ounces of silver. Do the farmers and other citizens of the Northwest know more about the real value of silver than those men who deal in the precious metals?

SILVER IN THE ARTS.

"But if legislation can create an artificial value in silver for monetary purposes, why can it not also create an artificial value in silver for the purpose of the arts? If, after the free and unlimited coinage of silver has been adopted by the government of the United States a silver dollar containing only fifty-three cents worth of bullion can be made to float at a parity with a gold dollar, why can not a silver watch be made, by statute, just as valuable as a gold watch costing twice as much? If you can put value into silver for monetary purposes, you can put value into silver for art purposes—for plate and for jewelry—with equal facility, by a simple "Be it enacted' by Congress.

"Hoping that the discredit, disgrace, dishonor, and dishonesty of going to a silver basis in the United States may be averted, and predicting that, if it is not, those who may have brought this disaster upon the country will be the worse sufferers, the most denounced by their countrymen, and the most despised by their own followers, I remain, very respectfully yours, J. STERLING MORTON."

NEW SILVER PAPER PLANNED.

Needed in the West, But the Printers' Figures Are High.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 23.—Yesterday at national Democratic headquarters was largely one of preparation for beginning the political office work of next week.

Chairman Jones some days ago appointed Thomas Gahan on behalf of the committee to act in conjunction with Chairman Cantrell of the State board of warehouse commissioners for the purpose of ascertaining the cost and other details in connection with the publication of a silver morning newspaper in Chicago during the campaign.

The figures were submitted to Chairman Jones today and some time was spent with Committeemen Gahan and Johnson on this business. The question of starting such a paper will not be decided until a full meeting of the committee, probably tomorrow morning.

Secretary Walsh, of the committee, will arrive in town tomorrow. The plan is to start at once an 8-page general newspaper, the editor to be named by the national committee and the business end to be controlled by Chicago citizens who will subscribe to the stock. The paper will be subsidized by the national and State committees and thousands of copies distributed through the West. It is proposed to make the price 1 cent everywhere.

The necessity for such a paper in Chicago is admitted by the committee, but the cost of printing is found to be higher than expected.

Four State Tickets in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Aug. 23.—A secret conference of leading Populists of the State was held here yesterday. It developed that the sentiment was nearly unanimous against fusion with the Democrats upon the plan outlined by the latter at the Pueblo convention, they preferring an independent ticket. This course pleases the silver Republicans, who hope thereby to win the State on a straight party ticket. It now seems that four State tickets are inevitable.

Bay State Invades Colorado.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 23.—Hon. S. W. McCall of Massachusetts addressed an enthusiastic meeting of 600 Republicans in this city last evening. He devoted his speech largely to the silver question and made an argument for the preservation of the existing standard.

Texas Sound Money Men.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 23.—The gold Democrats of South Texas held a mass meeting last night for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention, which meets at Waco on Tuesday, and will send delegates to Indianapolis. The attendance was exceptionally large and much enthusiasm was manifested.

M'KINLEY TO THE FARMER

Several Rural Delegations Due This Week at Canton.

THOUSANDS ARE GOING

The Speeches of the Republican Candidate Have Been Collated in Book Form and the Demand for Campaign Literature Is Widespread. No Vacation for Him.

Canton, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Major McKinley expects to be uncommonly busy this week. He will make two speeches on Monday, one to a delegation of farmers from Knox county, Ohio, and another to a number of potters and other citizens of East Liverpool.

There has been a great many farmers in several of the delegations which have come to Canton, but there has been no delegation composed exclusively of farmers, and the one coming tomorrow will be the first of that description.

The farmers have not come in large delegations for the reason that they have been very busy since the nomination of Major McKinley with their harvests. During the months of September and October a large number of farmers will call on Major McKinley.

Upwards of a thousand are coming on one excursion, and a good many letters have been received here from farming communities indicating that the desire to see Major McKinley is widespread.

TO TALK TO FARMERS.

Major McKinley's speech to the farmers who call on him Monday will be scanned with unusual interest, for it will be his first direct talk in this campaign to the class which is said to be most generally and seriously in favor of free silver.

The demand for political literature is widespread, insistent, and earnest. Not only are all committee headquarters overburdened with requests for documents, but Major McKinley's mail contains daily a score of letters asking for them. The letters are always referred to the State or national committees, and the writers would save time by so addressing them in the first place.

BOOKLETS OF SPEECHES.

Between the first of this week and the third day of November Major McKinley expects to make a great many speeches, probably not fewer than fifty. He has already made half a hundred since his nomination and they have been collected and printed in a neat paper bound booklet which will be ready for distribution here tomorrow.

There will be another edition of his speeches about the 1st of October. The demand for them is so great, notwithstanding the fact they are all published in the newspapers, that it has been found necessary to print them in book form.

Major McKinley still insists that he will take no holiday during the campaign, but he has promised to go to Zoar, about eighteen miles from Canton. When he goes he hopes to remain two or three days. He will also make a few very brief visits to Cleveland during the campaign, and all the rest of the time he will spend in Canton.

M'KINLEY WARNS THEM.

Letter From the Candidate Decries Any Over-Confidence.

Woodstock, Conn., Aug. 22.—At a flag-raising today under the auspices of the Woodstock McKinley and Hobart Campaign Club there was a large attendance and enthusiastic speeches were made. Among the letters read was the following one from Gov. McKinley:

"Canton, Ohio, July 25, 1896.

"Clarence W. Bowen, esq.:

"I note with much satisfaction that the Republicans of Woodstock intend to be among the first to start the campaign ball rolling. Our friends must not flatter themselves that the Republican party has an easy task before it. I have no doubt whatever as to success, but in order to make the victory thorough and emphatic there is need of earnest, persistent and intelligent work. Probably never in the history of the Republican party has there been a greater necessity for a campaign of education and organization. Very truly yours,

"WM. McKINLEY."

Is Out for Sound Money.

Jacksonville, Ill., Aug. 23.—Judge Edward Scott, of this city, member of the State board of equalization and chairman of the railway committee thereof, has declared himself for honest money. He says:

"Although I am a warm personal friend of William J. Bryan, I cannot support him on any such platform as that adopted at the Chicago convention. I am not a silver man now and never have been as I believe such a policy the sure way to financial ruin and disaster."

NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 23.—The Republican executive committee of the Seventh district met here today and nominated J. B. Yellerby, a prominent and prosperous Madison county farmer, for Congress. Mr. Yellerby will make a thorough canvass of the district.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 23.—At noon yesterday the Democrats of the Twelfth Congressional district of Texas nominated James L. Slayden for Congress to make the race against Hon. J. H. Noonan, Republican.

Vallejo, Cal., Aug. 23.—Hon. F. G. Hilborn of Alameda was renominated for Congress by the Third Congressional district Republican convention yesterday. The platform adopted indorses McKinley and Hobart and the St. Louis platform.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 23.—Official returns from the Eleventh district Republican Congressional primary gave the nomination to Congressman D. G. Colson by 576 votes. Ex-Congressman John D. White, his opponent, has filed notice of contest.

The Democrats of the Fourth district have nominated ex-State Senator D. H. Smith for Congress.

Funeral of Mark Twain's Daughter.

Elmira, N. Y., Aug. 23.—The funeral of Miss Olivia Susan Clemens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), was held this afternoon from the residence of her uncle, Gen. C. J. Langdon.

BRYAN AND HILL UNITED?

Alleged Harmony Meeting to Take Place in Albany.

CUT AND DRIED PROGRAM

Perfect Understanding Said to Have Been Reached by Friends of the Standard Bearer and the New York Leader—Program of the Candidate for the Next Few Days.

Barrytown, N. Y., Aug. 23.—According to the present arrangements William J. Bryan will lunch with Senator David B. Hill in Albany Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Bryan will not say so, but the statement is nevertheless true. When the representative of the United Associated Presses asked the Democratic candidate about the matter this evening, Mr. Bryan answered, after thinking a minute or two, that he was not fully informed concerning the arrangements for his Albany visit and would not give any information on the subject.

There was a rumor at Upper Red Hook the day Mr. Bryan accepted the invitation to be the guest of Chairman Hinkley of the State Democratic committee at Winnisook Lodge in the Catskills that Senator Hill would meet him in the quiet of that mountain camp, where they would be free from interruption and from the likelihood of having too much public attention drawn to their conference.

Mr. Bryan and Senator Hill have undoubtedly reached an understanding through those who conducted the negotiations for their consultation, as to the ground on which each shall stand when they come together.

MR. BRYAN'S PROGRAM.

When Mr. Bryan leaves Winnisook Lodge Tuesday afternoon he will be more familiar with what the Democratic State organization proposes with regard to his candidacy.

Chairman Hinkley will in all likelihood make him better acquainted with the position Senator Hill intends to assume. Mr. Hill and Major Hinkley stand very close to each other in political matters and the belief has been that the State chairman is authorized to speak with some degree of authority for the Senator. That visit to Winnisook Lodge will extend from tomorrow evening until the next afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan will say good-by to Upper Red Hook at noon tomorrow and proceed to Rhinecliff by carriage. A tug will be at Rhinecliff at 2 o'clock to carry them across the Hudson to Rondout, where they are to take a train for Big Indian, from which place they will drive to Winnisook Lodge. Tuesday they will leave Winnisook Lodge in time to catch the New York Central train, arriving in Albany at 4:05 o'clock p. m., and will start for Syracuse at 7:55.

POLITICS IN A PRAYER.

Mr. Bryan attended services at the Dutch Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook this morning in company with Mr. Perrine. There was no unusual crowd present.

Rev. G. D. Lydecker, the pastor of the church, conducted the services, and in his prayer thus referred to Mr. Bryan: "And specially bless Thy servant whom we have in our midst, Thy honored servant. Fill him with wisdom and power for the anxieties and fatigue of the coming days, and fill him with hope and confidence in all Thy purposes concerning him and these people."

The sermon was preached by Dr. Robert H. Barr of the Associated Reform Church of Newburgh. He made no direct references to the Democratic candidate nor to the political situation. After the services both ministers came down from the pulpit and shook hands with Mr. Bryan.

BRYAN AND CHAUTAUQUA.

The position taken by President Lewis Miller, of the Chautauqua Assembly, concerning the report that the Democratic candidate would speak at Chautauqua next Sunday is indorsed by Mr. Bryan.

Several newspapers contain a statement from President Miller denying that Mr. Bryan would speak there unless an arrangement could be made to have Major McKinley appear, and when this was shown Mr. Bryan he said: "I shall not speak there. Being interested in Chautauqua work, my wife and I will avail ourselves of the opportunity to see the parent association. The work of the association is non-partisan, and the president is quite right in saying that neither candidate should speak there unless both are invited."

A number of people called at the Perrine residence today to see Mr. Bryan. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan presented them with buttons bearing the picture of the candidate.

THE BROOKLYN IS READY.

Big Cruiser in Good Condition for Her Official Trial.

Boston, Aug. 23.—The new cruiser Brooklyn, which will have her official government trial off the New England coast on Wednesday arrived off Boston from Philadelphia at 6:15 o'clock tonight and anchored about eight miles out from the city.

The Brooklyn left Cramps' ship yard in Philadelphia at 7:45 Saturday morning and moved rapidly down the Delaware river and bay. A stop of about two hours was made outside the Delaware breakwater just before sunset for the purpose of adjusting the compasses. The big cruiser then headed for Boston.

The run was uneventful, excepting to show her remarkable steadiness and good behavior. An average speed of eighteen and one-half knots was made in the continuous run of Saturday night and Sunday. A number of distinguished guests were aboard and will remain on the cruiser during the trials.

Mr. Roosevelt Is Hopeful.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 23.—Police Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, was a visitor at Republican national headquarters yesterday. To a reporter for the United Associated Presses, he said: "New York State will give McKinley the largest majority that any Presidential candidate ever received.

"The only question is whether the party will get a majority in New York city. Tammany is not giving the Democratic ticket enthusiastic support. Our factional differences will not interfere in the least with the polling of a tremendous Republican vote."

NANSEN COMING HOME.

Famous Polar Explorer Soon En Route for Christiana.

Tromsoe, Norway, Aug. 23.—Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, who recently arrived here on his return from a voyage in search of the North Pole, and his wife, will proceed to Christiana on board of Sir George Baden-Powell's auxiliary steam yacht Otaria. Yesterday a grand fete was held here in honor of the members of Dr. Nansen's expedition. Great enthusiasm was shown by the people and Dr. Nansen and his comrades were carried in chairs into the hall where the fete was held, and where a number of speeches were made lauding Dr. Nansen and his companions for their work.

WANT PLATT FOR GOVERNOR

New York Republicans Would Have the Boss for Candidate.

In Spite of His Refusals They Are Pressing Him to Accept the Nomination.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 23.—The gubernatorial situation is practically unchanged, that is so far as the probable action of the 758 delegates to the Republican State convention is concerned. Everything depends absolutely upon the decision of Mr. Thomas C. Platt.

There is no doubt of the fact that Mr. Platt is close to the hearts of all the Republican local leaders and they have nearly all pressed him to accept the nomination for Governor.

Mr. Platt has again and again frowned down this testimonial to his leadership on the part of his friends, but many of them seemingly have never been in the habit of taking "no" for an answer. So the question of Mr. Platt's nomination was discussed with a renewed vigor today, and was the all-absorbing topic.

Mr. Platt, however, was firm, and said that no friend of his would further agitate the matter. The anti-organization men have been familiar with this attitude of Mr. Platt, and it was to the surprise of everyone that they today joined the Plattites in taking up Mr. Platt as a candidate.

The friends of Lieutenant Governor Saxton and State Comptroller Roberts, when asked for an expression of their views said that Mr. Platt would undoubtedly secure the vote of every delegate in the convention should he consent to run.

Messrs. Aldridge and Fish and the other candidates said Mr. Platt was the only man in whose favor they would withdraw from the race. All this was made known to Mr. Platt. It did not, however, alter his decision. His declination to consider the matter was more emphatic than ever.

OUT FOR SOUND MONEY.

Ex-Mayor Ficke of Davenport Bolts the Chicago Ticket.

Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 23.—Ex-Mayor Ficke of this city, and one of the most prominent Democrats in the State, when named in the county convention as a delegate to the sound money convention at Des Moines, refused to serve, and now says:

"My party, the Democratic, has ceased to be a Democratic organization and become a Populist party, with which I cannot affiliate. If it is proposed to nominate Presidential electors in this State, as it seems to be the intention of the party to do, as appeared from the call for the convention, then I consider such action a mistake and I cannot consistently assist in that work, as I have previously publicly announced my intention to support McKinley.

"The election of Bryan would be a great calamity which can be averted only if all sound money men will unite in support of the only sound money Presidential ticket with any possible chance of election, McKinley and Hobart."

FREE SILVER—NO YARDS.

Practical Effect of Coinage Discussion Felt in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 23.—The following was given out last evening:

"The uncertainty as to what will be the future money of the country, has prevented temporarily at least the building of Union stock yards in this city.

"Several months ago the local Cattle-dealers' Association almost decided to let contracts for the building of the yards, the project having been under consideration a long time. At that time there was little silver talk.

"Immediately after Chicago convention on free silver platform, the cattle dealers decided that it would be unwise to build at present.

"The amount to have been expended on the yards was $50,000.

"A well-known cattle dealer said today that in the event of silver victory the yards would not be established."

GOMPERS FOR SILVER.

Believes That the American Federation Is Solid for Bryan.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 23.—President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, in an interview last evening, reiterated his position in favor of free silver.

"I don't care to undertake," he said, "to advise the members of the unions in the Federation how to vote this fall. I think they all understand the position the Federation took long ago on this subject and has ever since maintained.

"Our organization in three successive conventions has declared in favor of free silver, and it has been recognized as a part of its economic creed. Personally, I am in favor of it."

Boies' First Campaign Speech.

Rheinbeck, Ia., Aug. 23.—Fifteen hundred people attended the Democratic meeting here yesterday at which Gov. Boies was to make his first speech of the campaign. He spoke but a few minutes, and said till this year both parties were pledged to the use of both gold and silver alike. The St. Louis platform follows the lead of England. He said the so-called debased currency which silver would give simply meant better prices for products. Gov. Boies will deliver his address at Waterloo next Saturday night.

Watson to Take the Stump.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 23.—Thomas E. Watson will sever his connection as editor of the People's party paper next week. This paper is the Populistic organ in the South. Mr. Watson practically owns it. He will hire an editor and devote himself to the campaign.

Ivy Institute Business College, Eighth and K; best in Washington; $25 a year.

JOHN CHAMBERLIN DEAD

Washington's Famous Host Expires at Saratoga.

STATESMEN HIS FRIENDS

No Boniface in the Capital City Ever Enjoyed the Wide Acquaintance That Was His Through Years of Experience and Good Fellowship. Sketch of His Career.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 23.—John Chamberlin of Washington died at the Grand Union Hotel at 11:25 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Chamberlin had recovered so far as to be almost able to return to Washington yesterday morning, but suffered a relapse in the afternoon and fell into a comatose condition.

John F. Chamberlin has been associated with hotels and fine clubhouses all his life. He was born at Pittsfield, Mass., September 22, 1836, where he lived with his parents during his boyhood.

Before reaching his majority he started out to make his fortune in New York city. He did not remain there long, but went West and became an employe on the Mississippi steamboats that ran from New Orleans to St. Louis.

Leaving this, he became proprietor of a first-class restaurant and clubhouse in St. Louis, amassing considerable money. Returning to New York he established Chamberlin's Clubhouse, opposite the site of the old Hoffman House, and in this venture he had the co-operation of his younger brother, William Chamberlin.

The place at once became a fashionable resort for people of national reputation, wealth, and high social standing. Chamberlin was noted for his lavish entertainments, his elaborate banquets, and the general extravagance with which he conducted his house. High-priced games flourished under his roof, and the proprietor made money fast and easy.

LOVED FAST HORSES.

Next he erected and controlled the famous Monmouth Park race track, and became the owner of many racing horses and blooded stock. Not content with this, he started the Long Branch clubhouse and turned his attention to sporting matters.

In these ventures he lost large sums and much of his fortune he had acquired at Chamberlin's in New York.

In 1874 Chamberlin came to Washington and bought out the old Washington Club House, which occupied the building on New York avenue, now owned by the Y. M. C. A. This he ran for about four years, when the present hotel at the corner of Fifteenth and I streets was opened. Some years later he started the Carleton Hotel, in New York, which ran contemporaneous with the one here.

For nearly twenty years Chamberlin's has enjoyed a national reputation. It has been the scene of many a political controversy, as well as luxurious enjoyment. On its registers have appeared the names of some of the best known people in the land.

John Chamberlin was famed for his genial manners, cordial hospitality and was a hail-fellow-well-met. A few years ago he decided to build a grand hotel at Old Point Comfort. This building has only been completed a short time, and its opening was a most brilliant affair.

A FAMOUS HOST.

Mr. Chamberlin was married thirty years ago to Miss Emily Thorn, a daughter of a prominent New York family. They have two children, both daughters, unmarried, who, with their mother, have been summoned from their New York city home to the bedside of their father at Saratoga.

Boy Killed His Sister.

New York, Aug. 23.—Peter Fisher, twelve years old, living at 410 East Eighteenth street, shortly before 6 o'clock tonight, shot and killed his sister, Elizabeth, aged thirteen. He was using a Flobert rifle in the kitchen and said the shooting was accidental. The ball entered the left side of the girl's neck and took an upward course to the brain. The boy was arrested.

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