



FOR AN HONEST BALLOT

The Republican Rallying Cry for 1896 Will Be Fair Elections.

EX-SPEAKER REED'S POLICY

He Will Advocate a Conservative Course and Will Endeavor to Avoid Agitations of Any Kind--The South Able to Care for Itself.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 4.--Among the Republican leaders there is much anxiety with regard to the course to be pursued by the party during the coming two years. Without exception they are impressed with the great responsibility which the tremendous victory of November has placed upon them, and the wisest of them express themselves as frightened at its magnitude rather than jubilant over the fact of success. They are unanimous in declaring that the future of the party depends upon the conservatism and wisdom of the new Republican house, and on the skill with which the unwieldy majority, composed of inexperienced and unknown men, is handled by Speaker Reed.

There is unanimous party approval of the policy of conservatism outlined by Mr. Reed, and the utmost confidence is expressed in the programme which he wishes to carry out. It is recognized, however, that all his energies and all his skill in management will be required to control the disproportionate majority.

The next speaker not only will use his influence to prevent tariff agitation, but will frown upon any attempt to resurrect the force bill or revive the system of federal supervision which was discarded by the present congress. The ex-speaker believes that the time for that sort of thing is past, and that with the new evidence in the south of a disposition to divide on something else than the color line it will be more wise to approach a rectification of the evils in the south by other and less stringent methods. This, however, does not mean that the question of fraud in elections will be a subject tabooed. The exact opposite is the truth, and it is the intention of the Republican leaders to have such a complete airing of election methods in the south and elsewhere that a public sentiment will be created which will demand a thorough overhauling of defective statutes in every state.

The possibility of this will make the elections committee perhaps the most conspicuous of any of the committees in the next house. There will be twenty-six contests before the committee, most of them from the south, and while there will be no attempt to unseat Democrats by the wholesale and seat Republican contestants, an opportunity will be afforded in the consideration of these cases to so agitate the whole question of election methods as to arouse the country to the peril which lies in a continuance of the present order of things.

An endeavor will be made to have this investigation as free from partisan vindictiveness as possible. The chairman of the elections committee will, in all probability, be either Judge Daniels, of New York, or Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, both of whom are experienced lawyers and neither of whom is a bitter partisan. Whichever of these is placed at the head of the committee will accept the position with the understanding that conservatism is to be a rule of the committee, but that such a representation of the suffrage question is to be made to the country that it will be a live issue until every state in the Union has purged its statutes of unjust election laws and guaranteed the sanctity of the ballot.

SUSPENSION BRIDGES.

Engineers Decide That a Span Over 3,200 Feet is Impracticable.

By the United Press. Newport, R. I., Dec. 4.--Captain W. H. Sigsbee, who, with Colonel Raymond and Lieutenant Burr, was appointed in October by the secretary of war to determine the greatest practicable length of a span for a suspension bridge, says that the report has been forwarded to the department. It contains the statement that it is not only possible, but practicable, to build a six track suspension bridge with a span of 3,200 feet at a cost of \$23,000,000. The New York and New Jersey Bridge company engineers say that 1,700 feet is the longest practicable span, and that to span the North river at 4,335 feet would be impossible.

FOR UNIFORM RATES.

Operators Request Miners to Join Them in an Appeal.

By the United Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 4.--At a meeting of coal operators of this district held in Pittsburgh today resolutions were unanimously adopted that in view of the fact that the coal miners have found it impossible to establish and maintain the Columbus, Ohio, wage scale, as the uniform rate in the district, it is deemed necessary in order to meet competition, that the rates for those paying the district price be reduced so as to make the mining rates uniform.

DISEASE GERMS IN MILK.

They May Be Destroyed by a Temperature of 170 Degrees.

By the United Press. Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 4.--It has been discovered at the state experiment station that milk heated to 170 degrees will totally destroy all disease germs, including tuberculosis, and not alter its sweetness or butter-making properties in the least.

RESULT OF A STRANGE SUIT.

Lawyer Siddall Tries to Collect Damages from a Judge.

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CONVERT AND PASTOR DOUSED

During a Christening the Bottom of the Baptistry Gave Way.

By the United Press. Potsville, Pa., Dec. 4.--While Maria Garret, a negro maiden, was being baptized in Olivet Baptist church the false bottom of the baptistry gave away, and the convert, the pastor in charge, Rev. T. A. Hanna, and a deacon were submerged.

BILL COOK IN TEXAS.

Entire Gang is Hard Pressed by the State Rangers.

By the United Press. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 4.--Captain W. J. McDonald and the detachment of state rangers who captured a portion of the Cook gang near Bellevue, Tex., last month, left this morning for northern Texas, where another portion of the gang has been located.

NEW DIPHTHERIA CURE.

Detroit Chemists Are Preparing to Make Anti-toxine.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 4.--The notification to the Marine hospital service that Park E. Davis & Co., the Detroit chemists, were preparing to manufacture anti-toxine, the new remedy for diphtheria, has been fully confirmed and has awakened great interest here.

BYRNES PREFERS CHARGES.

Captain Josiah Westervelt Will Be Placed on Trial.

By the United Press. New York, Dec. 4.--Superintendent Byrnes today preferred charges against Captain Josiah A. Westervelt, of the East One Hundred and Fourth Street station, and he will be placed on trial on Dec. 10 before the commissioners.

CLEVER ROGUE'S SCHEME.

Raises a Check and Buys on an Unsuspecting Jay.

By the United Press. Altoona, Pa., Dec. 4.--The Second National bank of this city, which only recently reopened after having lost \$100,000 through the peculations of the cashier, was victimized again last week out of \$1,188 by a clever sharper.

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An Irish Aristocrat Held for a Terrible Crime.

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The Sensational Arrest of Saunderson. The Prisoner is a Nephew of Colonel Saunderson, M. P., and is Related to Many Titled Families.

By the United Press. London, Dec. 4.--On Nov. 26, it was announced that a mysterious murder had been committed in Kensington, a western suburb of this metropolis. The body of a comely woman of the unfortunate class, about 30 years of age, was found in a frequented thoroughfare, Holland Villas Road, Kensington, with her throat cut from ear to ear. Some of the London newspapers claimed that this murder seemed to be a crime of the class committed by "Jack the Ripper." It is announced today that a young man named Reginald Saunderson, son of Mr. Llewellyn Saunderson, a prominent gentleman of the County of Dublin, has been arrested and charged with the crime.

BRILLIANT WEDDING.

Miss May Cooper and Archibald McDougall Are Made One for Life--Notes of the Event.

By the United Press. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittston, Dec. 4.--The residence of B. G. Cooper, on Susquehanna avenue, was the scene of a brilliant social event this evening, it being occasioned by the marriage of his daughter, Miss May, to Archibald McDougall, the popular manager of Music hall. The ceremony was performed in the rear parlor by Rev. T. W. Swan, and was witnessed by a large company consisting of relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Five Persons Are Killed in an Accident of Mysterious Origin.

By the United Press. Ottawa, Dec. 4.--A dynamite explosion occurred this morning in Hull, Que., near Ottawa. Four men and a boy were killed. Several persons were wounded.

TAIT'S CASE BEFORE JURY.

Defaulting Teller of the Chemical Bank Will Be Prosecuted.

By the United Press. New York, Dec. 4.--United States District Attorney Mott today laid before the federal grand jury the case of John R. Tait, the defaulting teller of the Chemical National bank. The peculations of Tait were discovered by the bank officials about a month ago, and an examination proved that \$15,500 had been misappropriated by Tait. Friends of Tait interceded on his behalf, and his family made good some of the shortage, promising to indemnify the bank against all loss.

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