IMPROVE JUSTICE, IS TAFT'S DICTUM

Thinks Present Form of Law More Favorable to the Rich Man.

VIRGINIA LAWYERS TO HEAR OPINION

"The Delays of Litigation" Subject of Address Prepared for Bar Association.

By JAMES HAY, JR.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 1.—"The biggest question before the American people today is the improvement of the administration of justice."

This was the statement made this evening by William Howard Taft, Republican nominee for the Presidency, in explanation of his decision to address the Virginia Bar Association here next Thursday on "The Delays of Litigation."

"I made that statement some time ago, and I repeat it now," he continued. "The improvement of the administration of justice, civil and criminal, in the matter of its prompt dispatch and the cheapening of its use for the poor man, is the biggest and the most important question before our people today. The solution of the problem is a difficult one. The difficulty is to be found in the fact that the rich man has the money to employ the best counsel, and the poor man cannot do that, and, in addition to this, he is not in a position to stand the trouble and expense of waiting for years to get a decision on the case in which he is interested."

Asked what might solve the trouble in some degree, Mr. Taft indicated that he would favor limiting the number of appeals which may be taken in a case involving less than $500.

"In many cases," he said, "it is better for a poor man to have the case decided promptly and finally than to have it drag along, even if he loses by the promptness a case or two he might win by years of litgation and many appeals. On the whole, however, I think a limitation of one appeal in such cases would work out fairly. And it is in such cases that the poor man is as a rule interested."

Mr. Taft's speech, in which he will treat this subject with great detail, will be made on the last day of the meeting of the Bar Association, which opens its sessions here Tuesday morning. He had a conference this afternoon with Wyndham R. Meredith, of Richmond, Va., president of the association, and the time for the speech was then settled.

WINS BABY AS PRIZE IN THEATER LOTTERY

Kentucky Lawyer Now Legal Possessor of Child Mother Was Too Poor to Rear.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 1.—Harmon Stitt, a young attorney of Paris, Bourbon county, is one of the proudest men in Kentucky tonight. He was awarded a baby boy in a contest which has been going on at Paris for a week, and which has attracted attention all over the country.

Amid tumultuous applause, Manager Jackson, of the opera house, announced him holder of coupon 4482, which corresponded with that pinned on the baby's dress. Every person who has purchased a ticket for the theater in the last seven nights has been given a coupon, announcement having been made last Saturday that the child would be awarded as a prize.

Tonight, although the seating capacity of the house is only 800, fully 2,000 people were packed and jammed therein, while hundreds were turned away. When Manager Jackson appeared on the stage carrying the baby, he announced that its mother was too poor to properly rear it, and had taken this method of providing it a home.

AIRSHIP INVENTORS WOULD KNOW LAW

Anxious to Secure Definite Information as to Extent of Country's Sovereignty.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—The various inventors and others interested in aerial navigation propose an amendment to international law defining the extent of a country's sovereignty in the air.

According to international law, a State's soverignty over the waters surrounding it extends as far "as a cannon ball will carry." When that law was enacted, the maximum carrying capacity of cannons was between 25,000 and 30,000 feet. It is much greater now. Krupp constructed a cannon that carries more than twenty kilometers (over twelve miles), while the latest American cannon is reputed to carry thirty-five kilometers (about twenty-one miles).

As a cannon shooting straight up in the air carries only half as far as it does in a horizontal position, a state's sovereignty over the atmosphere would be between six and ten miles, if the new amendment is adopted.

Accordingly all modern airships thus far constructed would be under the jurisdiction of the states over which they travel.

MUST PAY POSTAGE.

The recorder of deeds of the District, John C. Dancy, must affix the regulation amount of postage stamps to all communications put in the mails by his office. Judge Goodwin, Assistant Attorney General for the department, held that the recording of deeds is not "exclusively the business of the Government of the United States."

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Cascarets
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Bryan Frightens Tammany Men With Secretary at Conference

None Inclined to Talk With Stenographer's Pencil Ready to Record Words—Nebraskan Completes Speech and Plans Campaign.

FAIRVIEW, Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 1.—A private secretary, who is an expert stenographer, as one of the component parts of a political conference between William Jennings Bryan on the one hand and John S. Whalen, secretary of state of New York, and a party of Tammany men on the other, was the real sensation of today at Fairview. The Tammany men related the particulars on their return to Lincoln and declared it was the first time they had ever experienced any such ordeal.

"We might have talked and possibly have told him some real news," bewailed Whalen and his friends after he left the sacred confines of the home of the Commoner, "but that display of official force scared us off. Of course it was all right, but——" Then Whalen gazed thoughtfully at the sky and smilingly explained that he did not talk much anyhow.

In the party that called on the Democratic candidate today were Whalen, Assemblyman James A. Foley, who represents Tammany Leader Charles F. Murphy's district in the lower house of the New York Legislature; Michael Scully, clerk of the city court of New York; Assemblyman James J. Hoey, of New York, and P. H. Walsh, secretary to Supreme Court Justice Newberger.

Received Cordially.

Bryan received them cordially, but, possibly owing to the presence of Foley, did not display his usual loquaciousness. He told them he will speak in New York later in the campaign, and seemed anxious to learn if Charles E. Hughes is again to be the Republican nominee for governor. All of the New Yorkers expressed confidence that the Empire State will go Democratic this fall.

In the morning Bryan went to the funeral of a neighbor, after which he went to the office of The Commoner. There he corrected the draft of his speech of acceptance, after going over certain sections of it with his brother, Charles W. Bryan, and his editor in chief, Richard M. Metcalf.

The speech was finally turned over to Metcalf to be set up, so proofs may be furnished the press associations. While not so long as the speech of acceptance of his Republican opponent, it is understood that the Democratic aspirant's literary effort will be close to the ten-thousand word mark.

The two subjects of the speech to which the candidate devoted the most of his efforts are to safeguarding of bank deposits and the anti-injunction planks. The former is depended on by him to carry Kansas. The fact that Secretary Taft has openly opposed the plan, Bryan and his friends assert, will mean votes to the Democratic party in the Sunflower State that will entirely wipe out the present Republican majority there.

So Bryan argues at length in his speech of acceptance for such a measure, and answers the argument that it would prove a hardship on the larger banks by asserting that the smaller banks hold savings of the people and the savings got together, a dime and a dollar at a time, represent effort that should be placed beyond even the bare possibility of loss.

He argues that the opposition to the trial by jury in injunction contempt cases comes entirely from interested parties, and defends the rights of labor to organize for mutual protection without being charactertzed as a trust and prosecuted as such. Close friends of Bryan assert that the speech of acceptance will be potent in securing votes.

Republicans for Bryan.

From the letters that are being received by Bryan, it daily becomes more evident that party lines are being "shot to pieces" everywhere. Men formerly known as Democrats are actively supporting Taft, while supposedly strong Republicans are out in the open for Bryan.

As a result of the dissection of these missives, the Bryan cabinet in Nebraska, influential in national political circles, has made up the following list of States that it declares the Democrats must fight hard in, as they have a chance to carry all of them:

California, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Oregon, Ohio, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Missouri, Nebraska, and Kentucky These, the Republicans assert, are doubtful, but probably Republican.

One of the campaign propositions which Bryan is to be asked to approve, is the sending throughout the country of secret agents to "feel the pulse" of the people. These men are to be experienced in work of this kind, and are to make daily reports to national headquarters in Chicago. Where weakness is found they will make recommendations as to how it may be overcome.

JONES IS FINDER OF MISSING WORDS

Fourteenth Street Man Solves The Times Puzzle and Wins $5 Prize.

R. M. Jones, of 823 Fourteenth street northwest, was the winner in the last Missing Word contest. He supplied the words correctly after a few minutes' work, and for that he is awarded $5.

As The Times announced last Sunday, it is only a question of reading the advertisements carefully, and of using plain American common sense in supplying the missing words. Incidentally, there is much good to be garnered from the very perusal of the "ads," for they tell of things that you need, and offer you a choice of those things at prices to suit your purse.

This contest, by the way, has become very popular. The number of replies is astonishing and it cannot but mean that the interest is much more widespread than even the great amount of actual letters to this office would seem to indicate. It has been learned that some readers enjoy the pastime of finding the missing words without actually entering the lists for the prize.

There are more words lacking in the missing word advertisement page of today's issue. Look alive, find the page, supply the missing words, and the fault will be yours if another's name than your own is published in next Sunday's issue as the winner.

the West rather believes in the idea, and doesn't want any more advice from the East, anyhow, about its economics.

And so it goes. The directors of things are feeling their way. They are waiting for manifestations. They want to know which way the cat is going to jump.

In 1896, Bryan was elected August 15. Nobody doubted it. If the vote could have been taken that day he would have swept the country by 1,000,000. But it was postponed three months, and he was beaten by 1,000,000.

Republicans Confident.

This year is different. There is no enthusiasm. The campaign opens with a calm, quiet, rather traditional confidence on the part of Republicans that they will elect their candidate. They hear reports from the West of rather unsatisfactory character, but they listen in vain for an echo from the East. So they are serenely confident.

Of course, if the East should take up the refrain—that would be different. That is what the Democrats hope for, and the Republicans are sure will not happen.

Chairman Mack announces that the the Democrats will make a fight for New York, and the whole East. They feel confident that they are strong in those sections. They will overlook nothing.

Chairman Hitchcock counters with the announcement that "without making any predictions," it is expected to grab off a bunch of Congressional districts in the South, and that there is going to be a real fight in every State south of Mason and Dixon's line.

Bluff against bluff.

The fact is that they're all waiting to see what's on the mind of the people, and that they can't find out. All the chances are for the Republicans; they are in; times are getting better; they have Roosevelt; and this is a conservative country. But there is the chance of a sweep the other way. It happened in 1884 and 1892.

No Mudslinging This Year.

There is, however, one thing which can be set down as pretty certain. It is that this will be no campaign of invective and crimination and recrimination and abuse and vituperation and general extremism. Nobody is going to assume such a tremendous virtue to himself, or attribute such heinous villainy to his opponent, as has been customary in some other campaigns.

And it isn't because the politicians will not feel just as virtuous as ever. It isn't because they will doubt the villainy of their opponents. It is simply because they aren't sure what the voters are going to think about it all.

A campaign of caution. That is the whole thing. It will be a campaign, from all present indications, of quiet discussion and consideration. The press has utterly refused to excite itself. Over in New York, where the newspapers used to think Bryan had horns, they have the people wondering whom they are supporting. Out West, people are poring over such papers as the Kansas City Star and Indianapolis News, and wondering whether "the men who write the stuff" are really for Bryan or Taft, and why. They can't tell from "the stuff."

CUBAN ELECTION PASSES QUIETLY

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Governor General Magoon, of Havana, tonight cabled President Roosevelt that the elections in Cuba today had proceeded in a quiet and orderly manner.

ALEXANDRIA.

CAPT. W. H. SNOWDEN DIES AT AGE OF 84

Veteran Writer Will Be Buried Next Tuesday at Arlington.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., AUGUST 1.

Capt. William H. Snowden, a veteran writer, died at his home at Arcaturus, Fairfax county, near Mt. Vernon, shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon. Captain Snowden was eighty-four years of age, and was highly esteemed both in this and other communities.

His funeral will be held from his home next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial will be made in the National Cemetery at Arlington.

The Rev. John A. Kern, D. D., of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., will preach at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in this city, tomorrow morning and evening. Dr. Kern has a large number of friends in this city, he having been the pastor of the Southern Methodist Church here from 1881 to 1885.

Company G, Seventieth Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, of this cty, which has been encamped at Chickamaugua Park, Ga., returned home this evening, arriving in Alexandria shortly before 9 o'clock.

John Jackson, colored, is locked up at police headquarters charged with stealing harness from Charles King & Son. He will be given a hearing next Monday morning.

Police Justice Caton left this afternoon for Hot Springs, to attend the meeing of the State Bar Association. During his absence Justice Pelton will preside in the police court.

WARDWELL AND WIFE IN A LONELY CABIN

Veteran General, Who Kidnaped Spouse From Contagious Hospital, Is Quarantined.

BISREE, Ariz., Aug. 1.—Gen. B. S. Wardell, retired, hero of two wars, who kidnaped his wife from the contagious ward in the Los Angeles county hospital, after he discovered that she had leprosy and tried to take her to Mexico, is quarantined with his wife in a lonely cabin on the mountain side near Tombstone.

The authorities will keep them there probably for the remainder of their lives.

Christian Xander's
White Brandy
—for preserving peaches, pears, etc. Stock older than last year, but former price unchanged. $2.50 gal. 65c full qt.
Christian Xander's Quality House.
909 7th St. Phone Main 374. No branch houses.

ATTACK NOBODY, CAMPAIGN RULE

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and castigation, and ridiculing, and denunciation in this campaign.

Catch 'Em With Molasses.

This is going to be a campaign of catching 'em with molasses, not with vinegar.

Everybody's going to be for Roosevelt and Rooseveltism. Everybody admits that Bryan was a great educational force along right lines. Everybody concedes that Taft is a good man and was picked by Roosevelt, who ought to be acquainted with him. Everybody inclines to opine that the "pops" dimly sensed a number of things that weren't so far wrong. Everybody leans to the view that it's bad to drink too much, and that in extreme cases—those of the other fellows, always—the prohibitionists may have some merit in their argument. Everybody concedes that the socialists have a "lovely theory if it would only work."

No; once more, no; there will be no violent asperities in this campaign.

Adopted Populist Platform.

The truth is that everybody mixed up in campaign management is afraid to start anything. Can't tell where it might land. Last year out in Nebraska a joker went to a Republican county convention with a copy of the Populist platform of ten years earlier, and proposed it—no label attached—as the platform for the convention. It was cheered to the echo and adopted by a rising vote! There were an awfully mad lot of Republicans when they found what they had done; but they decided to stand pat, and they carried the county on that national "pop" platform.

All of which illustrates the uncertainty about what is on the public mind. The politicians aren't sure. The managers don't know. The statesmen can't diagnose it. The officeholders—well, they want to cling to their certificates of election.

So the engineers of the political machines are going to play the cautious game. Mr. Bryan made plain the other day that he would talk to the people of each locality about what was especially interesting to them locally. Mr. Hitchcock has been urged not to make a fight on the Government guarantee of bank deposits in the West, because

CHINA'S EMISSARIES TO RIVAL JAPANESE

Three Members of Imperial Commission Come to America to Start Steamship Line.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Three members of the Imperial Chinese Commission, sent by the Emperor to organize a steamship company to take trade away from the Japanese line, arrived today on the steamer Siberia. They were greeted by the Chinese consul.

It is expected that a large sum will be subscribed by Chinese in this country. The commission will go East to investigate steamship lines.

OFFICIALS APPROVE ARC STREET LIGHTS

The Commissioners have approved the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer that the proposal of the Potomac Electric Power Company to furnish electric arc lamps for street lighting purposes at the statutory rate of $85 per lamp per annum be accepted.

SAYS CAR SERVICE DELAYS BREAKFAST

Dr. H. G. Hanchett Lodges Unique Protest With District Railway Commission.

Giving as a reason that it disturbs his domestic arrangements, displeases his servants, and inconveniences his breakfast, Dr. Henry G. Hanchett, of 2231 Q street, in a letter to the District Railway Commission, complains of the stopping of the Forest Glen car for ten minutes at the District line on each outward trip.

Dr. Hanchett says that this time is absolutely lost, and suggests as a remedy the postponement of the starting time of the car ten minutes.

He adds that he can see no reason for the delay beyond mere thoughtfulness, and asks the aid of the commission.

ONE PART EASY.

"How were the final examinations? Were the questions hard?"

"Oh, no; the questions were dead easy. In fact, they were right there before us as plain as print. It was the answers that gave us so much bother."—Exchange.

MELBA MAKES STORM AT THE ROYAL OPERA

Prima Donna Refuses to Sing With New Artists—Caruso Won't Be Engaged.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Another artistic storm is brewing at the Royal Opera, Covent Garden.

Madame Melba has declared that she will not sing there at all next season if the syndicate persists in engaging new artists like Cavalieri. In spite of a very cleverly engineered Melba boom, the fact remains that Tetrazzini and Cavalieri have received for greater applause than the Australian prima donna who has so long remained unchallenged at Covent Garden.

The syndicate is now waiting for Melba to cool down, but so far she shows no signs of doing so. The syndicate is rather in an awkward position; it must take care of its shareholders and at the same time give the public something in the way of novelties.

The syndicate has no intention of engaging Caruso next season. It absolutely declines to pay his price, and as it finds that Zantello has drawn very well, it proposes to re-engage him.

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This is an etching of our large four-burner
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Gas Range. One burner is double—all are removable. Has clean-cut slide under burners, 16½-inch oven, 16½-inch broiler, cantilever oven door, removable oven plate, solid steel top, removable grates—the most easy get-at-able, and all round satisfactory range.... $13.75
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Look For the Colored Signs — Look For the Colored Signs
It is our regular custom each season to sacrifice the broken lines and remnants of stocks brought to light by inventory, without regard to their value. It is now or never—the goods must be disposed of promptly. The price-cutting has been along the most radical lines, and makes possible the biggest savings of the year.

Linens and Bedwear Sacrificed

72x90 Sheets, Sold for 50c, 29c
Every sheet advertised today is a bargain of the rarest sort. The sheets offered at 29c are made of good quality, strongly woven cotton, and are neatly hemmed. They are perfectly bleached. The size is 72x90 inches. Sale price, 29c.
Lot of regular 65c Bleached Sheets of reliable cotton, with fine linen finish. Free from filling. 72x90 size.... 37c
Regular 70c Sheets, made of excellent, smooth bleached cotton with 3-inch hems. 81x90 size, for large beds.... 47c

50c German Dice Damask, Full-Bleached, 29c
Just the kind of table covering sought a tels, lunch rooms, and boarding houses. He quality that washes faultlessly, and wears priced linen. 68 inches wide. Yard, 29c.
35c highly mercerized Table Damask, 68 inches wide; closely woven and serviceable. Sale price.... 18½c
85c pure Table Damas satin face, bleached and heavy. Save half. At 37

$5 and $6 Trimmed Hats $1.98
Lot of fine colored Hats, fashioned of best materials, in all the prevailing shapes and trimming effects. Choice, $1.98.

$1.00 Utica Sheets 69c
$1.00 Utica Bleached Sheets, none better made. Known everywhere for their high quality. 72x93½ size. 69c.

Hats—worth up
Clearance of Untrimm all the popular plain straws. Large and smal burnt, black and colors.

$5 and $6 Wash Suits $1.98
45 stylish Suits, made of cannon cloth in blue, tan, brown and white. A number of smart coat models. Choice, $1.98.

$1.19 Bed Spreads 69c
Regular $1.19 White Crocheted Bedspreads in a variety of Marseilles patterns. Size for double beds. 69c.

$8 and $10 Wash Suits $3.98
Made of White and Colored Linens or of striped beach suiting; well tailored in all the popular styles. Reduced for clearance to $3.98.

Laces and Embroideries
At One-Half Regular Prices

8c, 10c and 12½c Embroideries
3,000 yards of fine Cambric Edges and Insertions, also a limited quantity of Swiss effects, novelties up to 6 inches wide. Patterns are artistic and elaborate, and afford a wide choice. Yard, 5c

15c Embroideries
Immense lot of Swiss and Cambric Edges and Insertions of sheer, fine grade, showing scores of beautiful new patterns. Widths up to 10 inches. Yard, 8c

25c Embroideries
In this assortment are wide Swiss and Cambric Embroideries for corset covers and flouncings, as well as bands and narrow edges. Splendid qualities. Yard, 15c

39c Embroideries
High-class Swiss and Cambric Corset Cover Embroideries and Flouncings. The work is heavy and deep, and comprises the best styles. Yard, 25c

Table of the popular Point de Paris Laces, that sold for 10c. Edges and insertions in many widths and patterns. Yard.... 5c
Odd lots of pretty Val. Laces of French and German manufacture. Edges and insertions in a variety of effects, yd.... 3c
A great assortment of fine Torchon Laces of unusual beauty. Wide and narrow effects, all of recent design. 8c and 10c values.... 4½c

$1.00 Table Cloths 47c
Full 8-4 size full-bleached mercerized Table Cloths of heavy lustrous quality; sold regularly for $1. Sale price, 47c.

$1.00 Silk Gloves 59c
12-button Gloves, made of superb quality Milanese silk, in the best colors. Unexcelled for service. 59c.

$1.50 Petticoats 98c
$1.50 Long Cambric Petticoats with full tucked umbrella flounce and 12-inch embroidery ruffle; made with French bands. 98c.

25c Ribbon 19c
Pure Silk Taffeta Ribbon, heavy and crisp, the kind in demand for bows and sashes. Best colors. 4½ inches wide. 19c.

25c Corset Covers 15c
Lot of good quality cambric Corset Covers that sold for 25c. Blouse fronts and low necks, lace edge on neck and arm. 15c.

10c Towels 5½c
10c large size Huck Towels, very heavy and absorbent, with deep fringe and neat red borders. 5½c.

$1.98 Children's Reefers 50c
50 reefers made of Imported Pique in Hubbard style, with deep collar trimmed with embroidery edge and fancy banding. 50c.

75c Corset Covers 49c
25 styles in Nainsook Corset Covers; worth 75c. Some have rows of lace back and front, with beading and ribbon. Others in embroidery styles. 49c.

8c Toweling 3¾c
30 pieces of fine bleached Honeycomb and Twilled Toweling; also a lot of good quality crash toweling; all 8c grades. Yard, 3¾c.

Children's 15c Drawers 9c
Full cut Drawers of excellent material, made with neat hem and tucks. Sizes 2 to 10 years. Reduced to 9c.

75c Gowns 49c
75c Muslin Gowns, in Hubbard style, with yoke of rows of Hamburg insertion or of rows of lace. Extra well made. 49c.

12½c Toweling 7¾c
Barnsley's Well-known Pure Linen Crash Toweling, standard value at 12½c. Extra heavy, serviceable quality, yard, 7¾c.

59c White and Colored Waists at 29c
A number of materials—percale, lawn, chambray, and others. Just the waists for working purposes. Made in strictly tailored styles with open fronts and long sleeves. Some are in neat light effects, others are in dark checks and plaids. Choice, 29c.
Lot of $1.00 Persian Lawn Waists, with open backs and three-quarter sleeves. Trimmed in many lace and embroidery effects.... 39c
$3 and $4 Lingerie Waists, beautifully fashioned in twenty styles of lace, embroidery and medallions. Also tailored linen waists.... $1.98
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$1.50 to $2.50 Persian Lawn and Lingerie Waists, 98c
Three beautiful models at this clearance price. One has solid lace yoke with cross-panel of Swiss embroidery beneath, edged with Val. insertion. Another has lace and Swiss yoke back and front. The third model has yoke of embroidery blocks, trimmed with lace insertion. Choice, 98c.