

OATH BOUND

Order Formed by Democratic Leaders in this State.

FULL TEXT OF A SECRET RITUAL

In Use by the "Excelsior League" Down in Summers County.

A SOLEMN OATH ADMINISTERED

To All Members Never to Scratch the Name of a Candidate from a Democratic Ticket, "Even though He Be Your Worst Enemy," and to Do, Without Asking Any Questions, Whatever Political Work the Lodge May Order--In Addition that It Exists in Other Counties--An Eye-Opener for Decent Democrats and Republicans who Are Not Afraid of the Light of Day.

Some time since the Intelligencer called attention to the fact that in some sections of West Virginia secret free silver clubs were being formed by free silver Democrats, and under the claim that they were "non-partisan," efforts were being made to induce Republicans to join them, the intention being to entrap them into taking an obligation to vote for none but free silver men for office.

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It is almost incredible that such an un-American and despicable organization should exist in the name of Democracy within the limits of the state of West Virginia. It seems stranger still that the head and front of the organization should be leaders of the Democratic party in this county, and that the sole purpose is to bind the members by the sacredness of an oath, that no matter what the provocation or condition, they are not free to exercise their right of citizenship as their consciences may dictate.

In Summers county it is very strong, and constitutes the Democratic machine in that county. There are several lodges, all organized by a well known notary public, who is empowered by the state of West Virginia to administer an oath which the members are given to understand is legally binding.

The strictest secrecy has always been maintained respecting this organization, and its existence has been denied, as it will be observed by the ritual which the Intelligencer reproduces, that a part of the obligation is NOT TO TELL OF ITS EXISTENCE.

The objects of the order are fully set forth in the ritual, the full text of which is as follows:

The Ritual. EXCELSIOR LEAGUE, 1895.

The Outside Guard. SIR--Before you enter here, you are required to pledge to us, your sacred honor, as a man, that should you decline becoming a member of this League, you will forever keep secret that you have done so, or refused to take upon yourself its obligation.

Candidate Enters. Conductor--Worthy President, I appear before the Grand Council with Mr. ---, who wishes to become a member.

The Obligation. (This obligation must in all cases be administered by some person duly qualified to administer oaths under the laws of the state of West Virginia, in this particular county.)

The Notary to the Candidate. SIR--As it is your desire to become a member of the Excelsior League, it will be necessary to take a solemn and binding obligation, and hereby, by one that will not conflict with your religious duties or those that you owe to your fellow man.

And I further solemnly swear that I will recommend no person to become a member unless I am fully satisfied that he will act in conformity with its teachings, rules and regulations.

And I further solemnly swear that I will do obedience to the officers of this League, or any other League of like nature or character in which I may be initiated.

All of which I solemnly and sincerely promise and swear to keep and perform. So help me God.

(Three times around the room and stop before the Lecturer.)

The Worthy Lecturer. MY BROTHER DEMOCRAT--The ceremonies through which you have passed are intended to make a lasting impression upon your mind, of the importance of strict secrecy, the meaning of which I will now proceed to explain to you:

You were requested to advance to the sacred altar with right hand placed on the Holy Bible which was read to you solemnly of the obligation which you were then about to take upon yourself, also your willingness to become an active member, and to have the obligation administered to you.

Your left hand was made fast to your side to signify to you that you should at all times feel tight, bound to your party, also that you should never raise your good hand to scratch or defame a Democratic ticket, although you may be at enmity, on personal grounds, with a Brother Democrat, but to quietly submit to the majority.

The object of this League are political, and are, as we believe, for the welfare and good of the Democratic party, the principles of which, we are informed and believe, that you have always advocated and supported.

You are now a member of Excelsior League and I congratulate you and this League in securing the name and support of so firm and steadfast a Democrat.

Conductor--Worthy President, I now appear before you for final instruction.

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COLORED MEN'S FRIEND.

H. K. Bruce Talks on the Political Situation After a Visit to McKinley.

CANTON, Ohio, Aug. 3.--Hon. H. K. Bruce, of Everton, Miss., ex-United States senator, called on Governor McKinley to-day. Senator Bruce has been registered at the treasury and recorder of deeds at Washington. He said:

"The outlook for Governor McKinley and the Republican party is highly encouraging in the south. He will carry West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, besides making gains in other southern states. The Democratic politicians in the southern states have until recently been able to keep the south solid. Hereafter they will find the progressive element of the south taking such action as will advance the material prosperity of that section. They want a protective tariff that will build up that section; that will invite the manufacturers and will do for the south what it has done for the great north, east and west."

"They look upon Major McKinley as the apostle of protection. They also want sound money instead of depreciated silver dollars. They regard Major McKinley as the embodiment of that idea also. The colored voters of the country, both the north and south are enthusiastically supporting Major McKinley. They know him to be their friend. There has not been a single public issue touching the rights of the colored people for the last quarter of a century in which he has not shown his interest in their behalf."

ALTGELD WANTS NOTHING.

He Denies that He Has a Cabinet Deal with Bryan.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.--Governor Altgeld asserted this morning when he reached Chicago that he would positively accept nothing. He said this morning that he had no desire to be attorney general in Mr. Bryan's cabinet, and declared there was no truth whatsoever in the story that he had made a bargain with Mr. Bryan to receive the portfolio of attorney general in the Illinois delegation in the convention.

"There is not a single thing in the gift of the President that I want or would consider for a moment," he said this morning to a reporter for the Journal, with characteristic emphases. "The whole matter is utterly absurd and ridiculous."

"You may say, moreover," he continued, "that not a single one of the candidates whose names were before the convention were, so far as I am aware, approached with any such offers or agreements as this one which is said to have been made for me with Mr. Bryan."

GORMAN'S POSITION.

He Supports the Ticket but will Not be Active.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.--Mr. Gorman joined Chairman Jones at the capitol shortly after noon, where they together in the committee room on appropriations for three hours. At the close of the extended talk, Mr. Jones said there was nothing to be made public.

Mr. Gorman was asked as to the current report that he would be on the executive committee and possibly its chairman. He authorized the statement that he would not take any chairmanship under any circumstances.

"It is the same now as in 1888 and 1892," he said, "when I gave every aid in my power to Mr. Whitney and Mr. Harris, but would not take a chairmanship. In the present campaign I will aid Senator Jones in every way possible, but under no circumstances would I assume the duties of chairman of the executive committee."

When asked as to whether he would be a member of the committee, Mr. Gorman replied that the chairman was practically the committee.

A Popercute Ticket.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 3.--The Populists held their county convention to-day and nominated a full county ticket, composed chiefly of Democrats. R. E. Blackwood, for county clerk, and Virgil A. Gates, for county sheriff, both nominated by the Democrats on Saturday, were placed on the ticket. Hon. Charles Hedrick, ex-secretary of state, was named for criminal judge, and J. H. Nash for prosecuting attorney. Both are Democrats. The rest of the ticket is made up of Populists and mongrels.

Silver will Control.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 3.--The advance guard of the delegates to the Democratic state convention, which will open on Wednesday, have arrived and opened headquarters. Nearly all the candidates have arrived and have established headquarters. The silver men will control the convention by an overwhelming majority and no one will be nominated who differs with them concerning the white metal.

NO MISTAKE

Should be Made by Real Democrats, Says Bourke Cochran.

AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD

Of Defeating the Absurd Propositions Bryan Stands For is

THROUGH-MCKINLEY ELECTORS.

He Advocates that Conscience-He Believes, However, that the Third Ticket People Should See to It that Sound Money Democrats are Elected to Congress Wherever Possible, in Order that a True Democratic Opposition to the McKinley Administration Outside of the Money Question be Assured--His Logical Talk.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.--Hon. Bourke Cochran was asked to-day if he would support a third ticket if one were nominated, notwithstanding the views he expressed in his interview published to-day. He said:

"If a convention be held, at which all Democrats can be represented, who, believing that the party has been betrayed at Chicago, are determined that its principles shall not perish for lack of efficient organization, and if a free interchange of opinion be had among its members, I should be strongly inclined to accept its decision, whatever it might be. I think it more important that the Democratic opponents of Mr. Bryan should be united in one movement than that any particular form of co-opposition should be adopted."

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clude Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, Hon. and Mrs. R. P. Bland, and press representatives. They will leave Des Moines about 7 p. m. Saturday, reaching Chicago at 7:30 p. m. They will remain in Chicago until 11:30 p. m. Sunday, at which time they will start east for the Pennsylvania as originally contemplated.

STATE POPULISTS

May Nominate a Straight-Out Ticket, Democratic Candidates Trying to Affect a Fusion, but Some Populist Leaders Not Favorable.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 3.--Local "Pops" are making preparations for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to their state and congressional conventions, which are called for Wednesday in this city, and which it is claimed will bring together a larger number of delegates than was assembled here during the Republican state convention.

The outlook for a full state ticket appears favorable. Ralph Snyder, the free silver candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, Colonel Woodford, of Lewis county, West Virginia's chief, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon a motion to adjourn until Saturday, August 15, carried, at which time the mob will resume operations.

"For sheriff the candidates were J. L. McGee, A. H. Sheppard, James Burton, J. A. Rathbone and Frank D. Pomeroy. After a contest of several hours A. H. Sheppard was declared the nominee. For the house of delegates T. J. Owens was chosen by acclamation."

"There were a dozen or more fights and it was a day of free liquor, free fights, free silver and free blood from start to finish. The better class of Democrats deplore the actions of the gang of toughs who appeared to completely control the convention and the more respectable element will repudiate any ticket nominated by them. Next Saturday's proceedings are expected to be but a repetition of those of last week."

IT WAS A "DAISY."

The Wirt County Democratic Convention Breaks Up in a Row After Nominating Two Candidates.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 3.--A special from Elizabeth, Wirt county, says: "The attempt of the Democrats of this county to hold a county convention here Saturday, developed into one of the most disgraceful affairs in the history of the state."

"Such an opposition could find an expression nowhere but in Congress, and it could therefore be maintained only by bringing those Democrats who in face of treason and cowardice remain unyielding and untrifled, into a new organization which would nominate candidates for state officers, for Congress and for the state legislature in every state where the existing organization had denounced the ancient creed of the party by endorsing the Populist platform and candidate."

"Every Democrat who refuses to support the Chicago platform regards the defeat of the absurd propositions for the state legislature in every state where the existing organization had denounced the ancient creed of the party by endorsing the Populist platform and candidate."

"The resolutions which had endorsed Bryan could ever after be considered Democratic. If we are to have a Democratic party in the future, those who cherish its principles must be organized to take up the defense of them in the city, state and nation, the moment the so-called regular organization joins the Populist forces."

These are my individual views and I have no reason to modify them; they are the views of a representative Democratic citizen, as assembled, whatever course it may decide to adopt will prove to be the wisest and best method of dealing with the crisis."

WOOD COUNTY REPUBLICANS

Nominate a Strong County Ticket--A Big Convention.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 3.--The Republicans of Wood county held the largest and most enthusiastic county convention in the history of the party in the wigwag here to-day. Delegates began coming in during the night and in the early morning hours did little but receive the "glad hand" from the numerous candidates. The two principal contests were for the sheriff and prosecuting attorney. There was a large number of candidates for each office, all of whom had made a thorough canvass of the county. The delegates immediately got down to work and after an exciting, though harmonious session of several hours, the following strong ticket was nominated:

County clerk, J. H. Laird; county court, B. F. Stewart; clerk circuit court, O. M. Clemens; county commissioner, Fred Stablesman; surveyor, R. J. A. Farrow; assessors, Daniel Flink, C. A. Pahl; house of delegates, S. T. Stapleton and C. T. Morrison.

The resolutions were ringing endorsements of St. Louis platform and of state candidates and resolutions adopted at state convention.

They Are Republicans.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 3.--The regular Republican nominees whose names were placed on the "Independent" ticket Saturday, promptly disclaimed any connection with the new movement and decline to allow their names to be used on any other than straight Republican tickets.

Lenz Nominated.

LANCASTER, O., Aug. 3.--Hon. J. Lenz, of Columbus, was nominated for Congress to-day, by the Democrats of the Twelfth district.

BRYAN'S MOVEMENTS.

He Has Again Changed His Itinerary. Declines to Talk of the Populist Nomination.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 3.--Mr. Bryan to-night declined to be interviewed on the rumor that he will decline the Populist nomination.

"I have nothing to add," he said, "to the statement which I gave out at the close of the convention."

Mr. Bryan to-day announced a change in his trip east next Friday. Instead of leaving for Friday evening over the Burlington, he will leave at 2:05 p. m. Friday afternoon over the Rock Island, and will reach Des Moines about 9 o'clock the same evening. He will stay over night in Des Moines, where a reception has been planned. The change was made at the importunities of friends in that city. The party will include Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, Hon. and Mrs. R. P. Bland, and press representatives.

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signals could be seen miles away and that a train running at fifty miles an hour could be stopped within 1,800 feet of the point where the brakes were applied.

CARTER FILES A BILL

Against the Producers' Oil Company, Accused of Being a Standard Tool.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 3.--Col. J. J. Carter, of Titusville, Pa., filed a bill in equity in the county courts to-day against the Producers' Oil Co., limited, in which he asserts that the company was organized with a capital of \$600,000, and that originally he owned \$3,000 of this stock, but has since bought \$25,640 of the stock which had been transferred to the National Transit company. He says he is now the sole holder of 16,751 shares of stock. He has demanded transfer of this stock to him on the books of the company, but this has been refused him.

He further states that his shareholding constituted a majority of the capital stock of the company and he was therefore entitled to elect the majority of the directors of the company, but in order to prevent him from doing so the defendants, he alleges, have refused to permit the transfer and made certain deals with the Pure Oil Company, by which he is defrauded of his rights.

He asks that the defendant be restrained from selling, assigning, disposing, transferring or disposing of the notes, obligations or considerations paid or delivered to the company by the Pure Oil Company, until further hearing in the suit was made; also that the Pure Oil Company be enjoined from disposing of any of the shares of the Producers and Refiners Oil Company, limited, until the final hearing, and that a receiver be appointed to take charge and control of the property of the Producers Oil Company, limited, until the final hearing of this suit, and the suit pending in Warren county, and asks that the sale of the stock of the Producers and Refiners company be set aside and re-assignment made to the Producers Oil Company, limited.

The defendants claim that Colonel Carter represents the Standard Oil Company, and that it is his intention to transfer the controlling interest of the Producers Pipe Line Company, limited, and the Producers and Refiners Oil Company, limited, to that concern, thereby embarrassing the independent refiners of the United States Pipe Line Company.

On the other hand Colonel Carter avers that he alone is the intrusted person in the case pending.

The entire oil producing and refining interests of four states will watch the progress of the suit.

The preliminary decree asked for, restraining any further transactions of the part of the defendants was granted, and Thursday next was set for a hearing in the case.

BIDS OPENED

For Gun Steel--Extensive Programme for the War and Navy Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 3.--This was a great day for the manufacturers of war materials and many great corporations and firms were represented at the war and navy department this afternoon, when bids were opened for supplying a large quantity of gun steel, gun carriages, mortars, shot and shell of various sizes and kinds. Probably not since the late war has the ordinance bureau of the war department been able to buy out so extensive a programme for one year's requirements as was made possible by the liberal appropriations made by the Congress for the defense of our sea coasts.

For supplying steel forgings for big guns, the only bidders were the Bethlehem and the Midvale steel companies, of Pennsylvania. The forgeries appropriation bill, provided that in case should the price paid exceed 24 cents per pound for these forgings and the bids were generally just within the limit.

The Bethlehem company was the lowest on the ten-inch and sixteen-inch forgings at 23 1/2 cents and 24 cents per pound respectively, while the Midvale company, the lowest for 12-inch forgings at 23 1/2-100 cents per pound.

The American Ordnance Company, of Philadelphia, and Thomas V. Lane, representing the Maxim-Nordenfiet Gun Company, were the competitors for supplying the smaller rapid fire guns. The former asked \$1.55 each for 150 mm. Schroeder guns plain and \$1.50 for the parapet mounts, shields, etc. Armor piercing shell for the same was \$75 per 100 common shells, \$50 for canister, \$75 for 50. The Maxim-Nordenfiet guns asked \$1.40 each for 140 mm. common shell and \$45 for canister.

For supplying deck piercing shells, the Carpenter Steel Company, of Reading, Pa., bid from 26 cents to 30 cents per pound and the Sterling Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, 30 cents. The latter concern declared that the torpedo shell for which proposals were invited could not come up to requirements and refused to bid on them.

A MANIAC'S DEED.

Heretofore Reason, Tom Brown Slaughters His Family at Providence, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 3.--A special to the Times from Providence, Ky., says: News reached here at daylight this morning of a horrible family butchery near Clay, eight miles west of this place.

Tom Brown, an insane husband, 30 years old, and a farmer, terribly butchered his family consisting of a wife, mother-in-law and baby, last night about 12 o'clock, using an axe.

His mother-in-law, Mrs. Cash, was beaten with the pole of the axe while his wife was chopped with the blade. The baby was beaten in the face and head, presumably with the clinched fist of the infuriated madman and father.

After the terrible atrocity had been committed Brown went to the house of Mr. Muir, his nearest neighbor, and told him what he had done, and asked Mr. Muir to shoot him, that he desired to die also.

While the victims of this madman's rage were not killed outright, no hope is entertained for their recovery. Messengers were dispatched to this place for additional surgical assistance, who left for the scene of the tragedy.

Brown is of a feeble-minded family. He is in custody, a pitiful wreck of human reason, and bowalling in grief, but divested of sufficient reason to realize the enormity of his crime.

WAS IT SUICIDE?

President of a Columbus National Bank Found Dead in P. O. Satchel.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 3.--A private telegram to-day from Pittsburgh says Walter Crafts was found dead in bed in a hotel this morning in that city. He is president of the Commercial National Bank, of Columbus. C. D. Firestone, of the Columbus Buggy Company, which failed on Saturday, is a director and small stockholder in the bank.

Crafts, when asked whether it was a case of suicide, said, marks of violence were not found, nor was there any evidence of a drug having been taken. Mr. Crafts' standing in Columbus for uprightness was unsurpassed. The report of his death is heard with regret by the family and public.

The bank officers \$10,000 of the bank's money, hence the theory of suicide is scouted.

OLD ALABAMA

Goes Democratic as Usual by a Big Majority.

ISSUE WAS NOT FREE SILVER,

But Honest Elections, and Honest Elections Lost.

DEMOCRATS SUPPORTED TICKET

Because they Wanted to Retain the State Government with Democracy, but they will Not Support Bryan in November. The New Party Machine Supported to Destroy the Old Machine--Populists and Republicans were Fighting for a Fair Election and an Honest Court.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 3.--Returns from the state elections are just beginning to come in and it is impossible now to give any figures. The reports so far show Democratic gains and bear out the claims of the state committee of Johnston's election by a much larger majority than Oates received two years ago. The Populists do not give up, and claim that Goodwin will carry the state by 20,000.

By a careful estimate at 10 p. m., from returns received so far, Johnston has carried forty-eight counties and Goodwin fourteen, with four in doubt. Johnston's apparent majority is about 50,000.

The silver question has not been the main issue in the Alabama campaign. Both candidates were resting upon a demand for free silver, but the real issue has been the cause of honest elections.

Captain Johnston, the Democratic nominee for governor, was a candidate before the convention of 1894. He was defeated, but supported the Democratic ticket. This year Johnston captured the party machine, secured the nomination for governor and had the party pledged to the free coinage of silver. Many of Johnston's supporters inside of the party are opposed to the free coinage of silver, but supported Johnston in order to destroy the old machine.

Goodwin, the nominee of the fusion ticket, left the Democratic party in 1892 and was active in the campaign of 1894 against the Democratic ticket. The Populist convention nominated Goodwin on a platform declaring for honest elections, free silver and a tariff for revenue only. The main issue has been the demand for honest elections, and on this issue the Republicans have supported the Populist ticket.

Many administration Democrats would not support Johnston, but others have supported the state ticket, declaring that they desire to retain the state government with the Democracy, but will not support Bryan.

FINE TRAP SHOOTING.

All Records Eclipsed at the Chicago Tournament.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.--All records at live bird or any other kind of trap shooting have been eclipsed in this, the preliminary day of the Dupont world's championship tournament, which will be in progress here during the entire week. And yet not one-half of the contestants have arrived. In the five bird "warmer up" there were 134 entries and the seven bird 120 entries. There would have been many more had not darkness interposed. In order to facilitate matters, the shooting to-morrow, the first regular day, the first squad will be called at 8 a. m., instead of 10 o'clock, as of yore.

The management has been forced to this through necessity, for a much larger programme has been arranged for and there will be many more competitors. The shooting to-day was of a very high order. In the first event there were 49 ties for first money, and in the second 100 ties. The wind blew strong from the southeast and the heat at times was intense. The birds were a splendid lot. The attendance was very large. If the weather is propitious, it is estimated that on Wednesday there will be 10,000 people present. This is the day set apart for the team race and the entertainment of the ladies.

THE CLEVELAND STRIKE.

The Sympathy Strike Over--Police Prepared for Trouble.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 3.--All of the men who struck to-day out of sympathy with the Brown strikers, decided to return to work to-morrow morning and it is not believed the strike will spread unless the Central Labor Union takes a hand in the trouble.

A meeting of the Brown strikers was held this afternoon at which Master Workman James O'Connell made a speech, in which he declared that the agreement between the Brown company and the strikers has been misunderstood; that it was interpreted one way by the company and a different way by the men. He is reported to have said that the battle now on would be watched with interest by the labor world. "The mayor, police and the soldiers," he declared, "have armed to crush us. We have a duty to perform--that of self preservation."

The authorities are fully prepared for trouble, and squads of militia were stationed in various parts of the city this afternoon to prevent trouble when the non-unions men were taken to their homes.

Union of Theatrical Managers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.--A meeting at Hoyt's theatre to-day attended by all the local managers and most of the traveling managers of theatrical companies, organized the United Association of Theatrical Managers, the object of the association being mutual protection.

Frank McKee was selected as temporary chairman, A. J. Spencer as secretary, A. A. McCormick, treasurer, and Jack Hirsch, representative.

Two Guerrillas Killed.

HAVANA, Aug. 3.--A heavy wind storm at San Luis, province of Santiago de Cuba, has demolished the barracks there, killing two guerrillas outright and