

## BRYAN'S FIRST SPEECH SINCE THE ELECTION.

Appeared at Banquet of Jeffersonian Club of Lincoln—Received Applause by his Admirers—Says Holding Public Office Should be an Incident, Not the Aim of Citizens.

## CLEVELAND DENOUNCED BY J. W. KERN, OF INDIANA.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 26.—The annual banquet of the Jeffersonian club, of Lincoln, to-night, at the Lincoln hotel, brought together nearly three hundred representative men of the Democratic and Populist parties of Nebraska, together with a number of leaders from other states. William J. Bryan made his first appearance at a public gathering since the election and the greeting accorded him was never more hearty and spontaneous in his home city. His address received the closest attention and the applause was frequent. Aside from the remarks of Mr. Bryan the event of the evening was the speech of John W. Kern, defeated Democratic candidate for governor of Indiana, who aroused the banqueters to a high pitch of enthusiasm, not only by his laudation of Mr. Bryan, but by his outspoken criticism of those Democrats whom he accused of contributing to his (Bryan's) defeat. His denunciation of Democrats who offered "gratuitous counsel to the Democratic party," though he mentioned no names, was accepted by the crowd as a reference to, former President Grover Cleveland. It was after 10 o'clock when the dinner was finished and the speaking began.

### Loyalty of Friends.

Mr. Bryan, whose subject was "Principles Live," said in part: "At this banquet, surrounded by neighbors who have been my friends for ten years, I may be pardoned for saying a word of a personal nature. Five times you have voted for me for public office—twice for Congress, once for the United States senate and twice for the presidency—and no candidate ever received more loyal support than you have given me.

"Whether I shall ever be a candidate for office again is a question which must be determined by events. No one can speak with certainty of the future, for one's destiny is not known until his life's work is complete. I shall be content if it is my lot to aid in the triumph of the principles while others enjoy the honors and bear the responsibility of office.

"The holding of public office should be an incident and not the extreme aim of the citizen. It should not be an end, but the means for the accomplishment of a purpose.

### Advocate Rather Than Execute.

"The presidency seemed desirable because it would have enabled me to give effective aid to certain reforms which I believe to be necessary to the public welfare, but defeat, even a second defeat—does not lessen my interest in this

## HAD THEIR SHOOTING CLOTHES ON.

Three Shot in the Town of Hinton—Brakeman Gillian Receives Fatal Wounds. Restaurateur Gets a Bullet in the Leg—Colored Man's Foot Received Contents of Revolver.

## THREE KILLED LATELY NEAR "SCRAPPERS" CORNER.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. HINTON, W. Va., Dec. 26.—William Gillian, a Chesapeake & Ohio brakeman, was shot at 1 o'clock this morning, by Henry McFadden, who is also a brakeman. Both parties were drinking and it is claimed McFadden shot without provocation, three bullets taking effect in Gillian's breast and abdomen. Gillian is still alive, but cannot recover. The shooting occurred in one of the saloons on "scrappers" corner, a corner near which three persons have been killed within the last three months. In the excitement that followed, McFadden disappeared, and has not been

## LEPROSY PREVALENT

In the Philippines—30,000 Cases in the Islands—House to House Inspection Made.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—An appended report to General MacArthur's review of the civil affairs of the Philippines for the past fiscal year, gives some rather startling facts regarding the introduction and prevalence of leprosy in the islands.

According to the estimates of the Franciscan fathers, says Major Guy L. Eddie, the writer of the report, there are no less than thirty thousand lepers in the archipelago, the major portion of them being in the Visayas. Leprosy was introduced in 1523 when the emperor of Japan sent a ship with 100 lepers on board, to the Philippines as a present to be cared for by the Catholic priests. Thus the seed was planted, and no practical methods ever were adopted to eradicate the disease, or prevent its spread. It has taken firm root. A house to house inspection began last January found more than a hundred lepers concealed in dwellings. These were sent to San Lazaro hospital, in Manila, but many others escaped into the surrounding country. A commission is now engaged in the work of selecting suitable islands or islands for the purpose of isolating all the lepers in the archipelago.

## PAT CROWE SEEN

In South Omaha Shortly Before the Abduction of Young Cudahy—His Idle Boast.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 26.—It is now known that Pat Crowe was seen in South Omaha, scarcely twenty-four hours before the abduction of Eddie Cudahy. On Monday night, December 17, a well known citizen of South Omaha conversed with him for nearly an hour. Just before they parted Crowe was questioned concerning his future plans, and laughingly replied "Oh, I have something big on; you'll hear from me soon."

It is stated that until shortly before the Cudahy abduction Crowe was engaged in the dairy business with his brother-in-law at Albright, just below South Omaha. Mrs. Crowe has admitted to a reporter that her husband was in South Omaha on the Saturday preceding the abduction. Diligent search is now being made around Albright for a buggy answering the description of the vehicle used by the abductors.

## GROVER DID NOT VOTE FOR McKINLEY.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—A controversy having arisen between two Atlanta newspapers over the charge by one of them that Former President Cleveland had voted for McKinley at the last election, the Atlanta Journal to-day received, in reply to a telegram, an autograph letter from Mr. Cleveland, in which he says he did not vote for President McKinley.

## OLD TOWN BANK INSOLVENT.

Receiver Appointed on Complaint of Depositors by Judge Stockbridge of Baltimore. Institution Said to be Unable to Pay its Liabilities in Usual Course of Business.

## BANK OFFICERS CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 26.—Roger T. Gill, of the law firm of N. Rufus Gill & Sons, was late this afternoon appointed receiver for the Old Town bank by Judge Stockbridge. The appointment was made with the consent of the president and officers of the bank. Mr. Gill gave bond of \$1,500,000, the assets of the institution being valued at half that amount.

George Schilling, a stockholder and depositor and Robert L. Gill, a depositor, were the complainants. In their statement to the court, they state:

"While the bank, until a recent period, has done a successful and profitable business, it has recently incurred heavy losses by the bad faith of its cashier, Theodore F. Wilcox, in that without authority he wrongfully, without the knowledge of its president or board of directors, permitted Isaac Robinson and the United Milk Producers Association to draw from the bank large sums of money, and incurred losses thereby which the bank is unable to bear.

"Rumors affecting the financial condition of the bank are in circulation, in consequence of which large sums of money have been withdrawn by depositors, and it is a question of but a short time when the bank will be compelled to close its doors. The bank is unable to pay its liabilities in the usual course of business and unless a receiver is appointed it will result in a struggle to

## WORLD POLICY

Of World Conquest is Purpose of America, Says German Newspaper. Afraid of Our Commerce.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—In its yearly financial review the Frankfurter Zeitung points out that one of the most important facts of the last twelve months has been the growing influence of the United States upon the economic situation of Europe.

"In the first months of the year," says the writer, "when German industries had not the remotest fear of reaction, it was the report from America regarding the iron market and the fear of flooding the German market with American manufactures that terrified our markets and agitated our Boerses. This was the case even when there were no important changes in the business situation in the United States.

"In short all the incidents indicating, however remotely, that country's competition were discussed in their bearings upon our business situation, and they thus became very important factors in determining the attitude of the German Boerses and the quotations of securities.

"Wall street quotations frequently became the standard for all other exchanges. The extrance of the United States into the ranks of creditor nations signifies a change in the times. Ever since the war with Spain, the United States government has pursued undeviatingly a world policy of world conquest. European states must familiarize themselves with the thought that the United States will have a very weighty word in determining the new political constellations among the leading nations. American action in undertaking the Nicaragua canal also proves that the military and still more the diplomatic participation of the United States in the chief troubles shall bear fruit."

## POET DAVIS DEAD.

Author of Book of Poems and "The Kingdom Gained."

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. QUIET DELL, W. Va., Dec. 26.—Col. D. H. Davis, author of a book of poems and "The Kingdom Gained," died last night at 1 o'clock. Mr. Davis had been complaining for some time in the afternoon, but on retiring for the night said he felt much better. A few moments after he had lain down, he passed away, seemingly without pain. Mr. Davis was sixty-six years of age, and was one of the most influential men of this section. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

## HEART-BROKEN FATHER

Dies From Loss of His Three Children and Grand-Daughter.

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—J. C. Metzger, of Mountain Home, heart-broken over the loss of his three children, died on Christmas morning. A few weeks ago his two daughters, Minnie and Florence, died within a few hours of each other of diphtheria, and were buried in one grave. A grand-daughter also expired at the same time, and her death was soon followed by that of a third daughter, Emily. "Please God I'll go next," said the father, as he gazed on his last daughter. The man sat day after day with bowed head, waiting for the summons that he prayed for so earnestly. Metzger's wife died a few years ago.

## CASTELLANE'S DEBTS SHOWN UP IN COURT.

The Prodigal Son-in-law of the Late Jay Gould Sued for the Payment of Jewelry—Counsel Argued the Case in the French Court—Court Wants a Rebate.

## ORIGINAL DEBT SAID TO BE OVER 2,000,000 FRANCS.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Before the first civil tribunal of the Seine to-day, Maitre Bonnat resumed his speech, begun December 20, when the case was adjourned for a week in behalf of the Count and Countess de Castellane, in the suit of Charles Wertheimer, a London bric-a-brac dealer, to recover payment for art objects sold to the defendants. In an elaborate argument, counsel set forth the counter claim of the Castellanes, who demanded a reduction of the debt, provisionally estimated to be at least 2,000,000 francs, and the restitution of objects taken in exchange by Wertheimer, under the penalty of 1,900 francs for each day's delay in the restitution from the day of judgment, finally claiming damages to the amount of 300,000 francs. Counsel suggested that experts be chosen from an ordinary list or from among the presidents of the exposition juries.

George Gould's Aim. He explained that George J. Gould, of New York, in aiding the Castellanes in this suit, desired to accomplish a duty which the court had previously confided to him, while the Castellanes, after throwing off Wertheimer's yoke, brought the case into court because they thought the publicity of the hearing was better than the mystery of the suspicious facts and equivocal arrangements.

Wertheimer's counsel added, opposed the restitution of the art works which the Count de Castellane gave him in pledge for payment of the bill on the eve of his departure for America. Maitre Bonnat again spoke, affirming that the Castellanes only secured delays in payment and the withdrawal of Wertheimer's suit by fresh purchases of articles for 250,000 francs, which were barely worth 15,000 francs. This, counsel claimed, was selling delays at usurious rates. The Castellanes' counsel continued, demanded an expert valuation of all the purchases and not a few objects. The case was adjourned until January 9, when judgment will be delivered.

## SENSATIONAL KIDNAPPING CASE.

Estranged Wife of W. H. H. Miller, Pretending to Take a Drive, She Secured the Boy and Boarded a Train. General Steals her Son.

## COUPLE HAD BEEN SEPARATED FOR SOME MONTHS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—A sensational kidnapping, involving the family of ex-United States Attorney General W. H. H. Miller, occurred this afternoon, and led to a hot chase a few minutes later across the state to overtake the wife of Samuel D. Miller, son of W. H. H. Miller, who was supposed to be flying to New York with her stolen son.

Samuel D. Miller and wife have lived in New York for several years and last summer he came west to go into his father's office. His wife stayed in New York. Last Friday, she came here to demand possession of her seven-year-old son, whom the father had brought west with him, and who was living with him at the grandfather's house, W. H. H. Miller, at 1927 North Delaware street.

The husband and wife had a consultation at the wife's apartments in the Denison and she agreed that if the boy was allowed to be sent to her daily with the nurse, she would not attempt to kidnap him. Secured a Carriage. This afternoon, the boy and nurse called on Mrs. Miller at the Denison. She sent the nurse out to get a check cashed and while the governess was gone ordered a carriage and made arrangements to leave. When the governess returned Mrs. Miller announced they were going for a drive. They started in a closed carriage down South Meridian street toward the depot. The German governess suspecting foul play, jumped out of the carriage while it was on a run, ran to a telephone and notified the father and grandfather.

Mrs. Miller immediately ordered the carriage driven to Brightwood and when the two Millers arrived at the Union station, there was no trace of the woman and boy. Started to Overtake the Woman. Two hours later they received information which led them to believe that Mrs. Miller intended to take the Big Four accommodation train at Brightwood and then take the Knickerbocker train at Anderson or Muncie. At 6:20 the two Millers started on the Knickerbocker to overtake Mrs. Miller before she got out of the state. Finding that she would be overtaken at the Union station when the nurse threw herself out of the carriage, Mrs. Miller started at once for Brightwood in the carriage, evidently intending to take the 4:50 train. It is supposed she intended going

to some point along the road and then take the Knickerbocker for the east. When she left the hotel, Mrs. Miller this afternoon announced that she was going to Union City for the night and would return to-morrow. Who She Was. Mrs. Miller was Miss Helen Karcher, of Pottstown, Pa. Samuel Miller first met her nine years ago at Washington, when his father was President Harrison's attorney general. They were married a year later, and their son Sidney is now seven years old.

Last summer, Mrs. Miller was offered an opening in his father's office and came west from New York, where the couple resided. Mrs. Miller refused to come and since that time has lived in New York. There has been no divorce and Mr. Miller was sending her an allowance.

Last Friday when Mrs. Miller suddenly appeared in the city with the announcement that she had come to get her son and take him home with her, there was a conference between the father and mother. It was hoped a compromise would be effected and nothing be made public concerning the matter. This seemed to be nearly accomplished till the incident this afternoon.

No Trace of Woman or Boy. W. H. H. Miller and son returned at 10:40 to-night from points along the Big Four. No trace of Mrs. Miller and the stolen boy could be secured. From the ticket agent at Brightwood, it has been learned that Mrs. Miller did not buy a ticket or take a train there. The two Millers were met at the Union station on their return by three detectives and all went to W. H. H. Miller's office. It was learned that George Senour was the hackman engaged and he has disappeared after returning the hack to the barn. The entire police and detective force of the city was employed to search the city for the woman and boy and every officer in the city is now at work. At midnight, W. H. H. Miller and his son were at their office waiting news of the detective's work.

W. H. H. Miller said: "She has always said she never under any circumstances would live in Indianapolis. Sam tried to have her come here many times and I have wanted him to come with me as my partner here for years. It is a clear case of kidnapping. I have nothing to say as to the future."

## POSED AS A PRIEST

And Swindled the People—Will Serve Five Years in the Pen.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The appeal court has confirmed the sentence of five years imprisonment imposed on an ingenious swindler, named Goffray, who posed in clerical circles here, in April last, as the "Cardinal Bishop of Washington," soliciting funds to convert the young Indians of New Mexico. Several times Goffray succeeded in celebrating mass and once was nearly arrested when on the point of serving mass at Strasbourg. Finally he appeared at Montellimar, in the department of Drome, where he lectured to the Trappist Monks on his terrible adventures in the Rocky mountains, where, he said, he was scolded by the Indians to whom he was preaching the gospel. The fraud was discovered by Goffray pretending that the Indians of the Rocky mountains were Esquimaux.

## Preparing to Go North.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Evelyn B. Baldwin, the Arctic explorer, who is arranging for the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition, has purchased the Esquimaux, the largest and staunchest of the whaling fleet, fitted her with modern appliances and named her the America.

## Weather Forecast for To-day.

For Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania: Fair Thursday and Friday; winds mostly fresh westerly.

## Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday, as observed by C. Schnepp, druggist, corner Market and Market streets, is as follows:

7 a. m.	.....	28	3 p. m.	.....	34
9 a. m.	.....	30	5 p. m.	.....	33
11 a. m.	.....	34	7 p. m.	.....	34

Weather, cloudy.