

## OHIO FOR IOWA AGAINST

ONE CONVENTION REAFFIRMS?  
OTHER REPUDIATES FREE SILVER

Crawford County Delegates Vote Solidly  
for Free Silver, But Meet Defeat  
After a Fierce Fight.

The Iowa democracy has officially declared free silver at sixteen to one to be dead and ready for burial in the potter's field. Coin's Financial School, the words of the silver-tongued orator from the Platte, the teachings of the great silver disciples, J. B. Romans and G. L. Caswell have been thrown in the waste basket. At the same time, the democrats of Ohio enthusiastically endorsed free silver and suggested for President, Tom Johnson, a sixteen-to-one man of the most pronounced type. The contest at the Des Moines convention was a bitter one throughout. The venerable Horace Boies, whose letters on all sides of the money question have made him famous, was called to the aid of the repudiators and carried the day for them against the advice and strenuous opposition of such men as J. B. Weaver, J. B. Romans, J. J. Shea, G. F. Rinehart and Wait Butler. The air of the convention hall was fairly sulphurous at times with the heated invective of the orators. The term "D—m fools" was bandied back and forth with Jeffersonian simplicity and directness and finally by a vote of 384 to 344, the free silver plank was officially pronounced dead, defunct, ready for burial.

The key-note of the majority sentiment in the convention was struck by Horace Boies when he said, "Free coinage of silver at exact ratio of sixteen-to-one, in Iowa as well as in the United States, is as dead an issue as ever died." Mr. Boies said it would be the "rankest folly" to reaffirm the Bryan platform of 1896 and 1900.

Perhaps in the memory of the ancient war horse of democracy there yet lingered a picture of that great Chicago convention when the "woman in white" cheered him on to victory, when the crowds of his supporters surged and roared and when it seemed, for a time, that he was to be the standard bearer of a great party in a national campaign. And then upon the scene came the orator from Nebraska and the words "You shall not press upon my brow the crown of thorns, you shall not crucify me upon a cross of gold" came ringing through the vast assemblage and the fate of the man from Iowa was sealed. That was six years ago. Since then William Jennings Bryan has twice led democracy to defeat and all this time the sage of Black Hawk county has been meditating, biding his time, and the time came at Des Moines to deliver to the ambitious Nebraskan the most crushing blow he has yet received. This repudiation of his great doctrine, by a neighboring state which has stood by him unwaveringly through good and ill-repute, must have been more crushing than both of his defeats for the Presidency. The legions are broken, the Old Guard has gone down, the living tomb of a political St. Helena yawns for its victim.

But the silver knight was not without his defenders. Col. C. H. Mackey appealed in vain for democracy to "stay with the common people." He said, "If you want to repudiate the national platform you can do so. There is no law to prevent your making d—m fools of yourselves." J. J. Shea made an impassioned appeal for sixteen-to-one. He accused Gov. Boies of trying to repudiate the platform which he himself had fathered and added, "Robbed of all subterfuge, the question is, are you going to repudiate or not. Refuse to reaffirm and you make it impossible for 200,000 democrats in Iowa to vote the ticket." (Hisses and applause.) Wait Butler, than whom no man in Iowa has been a more constant and consistent advocate of the silver cause warmly upheld the cause of Bryan and free silver. Mr. Butler said, "Any party that goes back on principles will die, because it deserves to die. I believe before God, that this fight today will decide the future of the democratic party in Iowa. If we go back on our principles today, we will die, because we deserve to die."

The above are but a few extracts from the many impassioned speeches made both in defense of and against the Kansas City platform. It was freely charged that the about face on the money question was simply in order to catch votes and if possible to elect a

congressman in the first district. The republicans have often charged that democratic platforms were written with this end in view, but it is seldom that the fact is publicly admitted by democrats.

There will be wonder in the minds of some as to what will become of those silver republicans who left their old party in 1896 on account of this issue. In all probability they will find some excuse for staying with the democratic party. When a man once changes his political or religious belief, he usually becomes the most active of partisans against the organization which he left. They will as a rule find some loop-hole by which they can still justify their adherence to their new party. It is among the old line democrats that the disaffection will come. They have been taught for the past six years that free silver was the great panacea for all the ills of government, even against all the evidence of their common and other senses they have been impressed with the fact that without free silver there could be no genuine prosperity. Suddenly the veteran leader tells them that free silver is as dead an issue as ever died. The hands of the democratic clock are turned back to the days of Grover Cleveland and all good democrats must acknowledge, if the words of their leaders be true, that for the past six years they have been misled and falsified to, and that their woe for two Presidential campaigns was wholly wrong.

We believe that the position now taken by the democracy of Iowa is the right one. We believe that as they say, free silver is a dead issue. It would have been just as well for the country had it never lived and it is a matter of infinite congratulation that it never grew to maturity. Democracy in Iowa was already hopeless, but it would have commanded more of the respect of men had it stuck by its colors until honorably released by the national convention rather than to have surrendered like a pack of cowards for the hope of a trifling congressional reward.

Mr. G. F. Rinehart put the case strongly before the convention when he said, "It is no temptation to me when you say you will elect a congressman here and a congressman there. This is not the first case of temptation in history. You remember it was Jesus Christ who was taken up into a high mountain where the devil asked him to repudiate and renounce his platform. Jesus Christ refused. He knew that in trading his principles for flesh pots he was a loser even if he got the pots. These men who in 1896 and 1900 voted the republican ticket are asking us to surrender our principles."

**Thirteen Dead in Mine.**  
London, Sept. 5.—An explosion occurred at the Tredegar iron company's colliery, near Rhymley, Monmouthshire, while 112 men were under the ground. Thirteen of these are known to be dead and seventeen are seriously injured.

**Why Savages Turn In Their Toes.**  
In the first place, the foot naturally takes that position when it has never been confined by boots or the ankle distorted by high heels. Convenience is also on the side of the natural position of the foot in the case of the savage, for he has to do much walking through long grass and undergrowth in forests. Consequently his progress would be much impeded if he turned his toes out to catch these obstacles instead of brushing them aside and outward, as he now does. Lastly, the savage uses his foot much more as a help to his hands than we do, and it is obvious that in doing this he must turn his toes in.

**European Arithmetic.**  
At the custom house we were obliged to make a deposit of 8 francs 40 centimes on each wheel before entering Switzerland. Since that day faith in the advantages of higher education has wavered. There were nine bicycles, and the government official found the entire amount of our indebtedness by putting down 8.40 nine-times and then adding up. Why should one vex one's self with the multiplication table when straight addition combined with unlimited time reaches the same result?—Caroline S. Donnet in Chautauquan.

**Her Busy Business.**  
Towne—When Miss Gabbil told me she was in business, I couldn't help thinking she meant every body else's business.  
Brown—That's about right.  
Towne—What you might call a wholesale business, eh?  
Brown—Well, yes; except that she retails scandals at wholesale rates.—Philadelphia Press.

**Familiarity.**  
"It isn't true in all cases," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "that familiarity breeds contempt. The more you know about the hind feet of a mule the more respect you have for them."—Chicago Tribune.

## PELEE CLAIMS 2,000 MORE

Martinique Islanders Suffer From Another Rain of Fire.

VOLCANO BURSTS OUT AGAIN.

Eruption of Last Wednesday Night Most Violent of All—People of Neighboring Islands in Fear of Being Engulfed.

Castries, St. Lucia, B. W. I., Sept. 5.—The steamer Yaro arrived here last evening from the island of Martinique. She brings the report that a violent volcanic eruption occurred there Wednesday night and that about 2,000 persons are said to have perished. Large numbers of people are leaving the island.

It was quite dark here at 5:30 o'clock yesterday. At that hour the sun was obscured as it is during an eclipse. The British steamer Savan, Captain Hunter, arrived here yesterday from the island of Trinidad. She was covered with dust and reports that she ran into a dense cloud of dust while twenty miles south of St. Vincent.

The coast telephone service reports that a violent eruption of the Soufriere volcano on the island of St. Vincent was observed at midnight.

A copy of L'Opinion of Fort de France, Martinique, dated Sept. 3, says that over 1,500 persons were killed during the volcanic eruption of Mont Pelee of last Saturday and that a still greater number of persons has been brought to Fort de France by the French cruisers Tage and Suchet, and by coasting craft. The hospitals of Fort de France are filled with the sick and wounded.

**Collapse of Martinique Feared.**  
Paris, Sept. 5.—The Paris edition of the New York Herald publishes a dispatch from Point-a-Pitre, island of Guadeloupe, French West Indies, dated Sept. 4, which says that constant detonations heard there last night indicate a terrific volcanic eruption on the island of Martinique. Thick black clouds were seen to the southward of Guadeloupe and the heat at Point-a-Pitre was intense. The population was said to be greatly alarmed, fearing a tidal wave in the event of the collapse of Martinique. In a dispatch from Carupano, Venezuela, a correspondent of the Figaro says: "Violent detonations were heard here from 10 p. m. Sept. 3 to 4 a. m. Sept. 4. The sounds came from the north and were identical with those heard the night of Aug. 30 during the volcanic eruption on Martinique of that date."

M. Clerc, councillor general for the island of Martinique, who is now in Paris, says the recent destruction of Morne Rouge was fully expected in Martinique, but he could not say whether M. L'Heureux, formerly acting governor of the island, had ordered the population to return to Morne Rouge and neighboring villages. The minister of the colonies, M. Doumargue, in placing \$100,000 at the disposition of the governor of Martinique to relieve the distress in that island, has urged the governor not to congregate refugees at Fort de France, but to distribute them in the south, where their necessities can be most easily supplied.

## LARGEST TREE IN THE WORLD.

Giant of California Forests Measures 109 Feet in Circumference at Base.  
San Francisco, Sept. 5.—A few weeks ago there was discovered to the east of Fresno, in the Sierras, the biggest tree in the world. At the time it was said that it measured 150 feet in circumference.

John Muir, the great naturalist, has just visited the tree and reports that it measures at the base only 109 feet and at four feet above the ground it was only ninety-seven feet in circumference. It is, however, larger than General Sherman and General Grant, which heretofore were the recognized monarchs of the forest.

**Wrecked by Spreading Rails.**  
Missoula, Mont., Sept. 5.—Overland passenger train No. 3 on the Northern Pacific was wrecked at Trout Creek station, on the Idaho-Montana line, yesterday. Engineer Owens was instantly killed and his fireman and a tramp stealing a ride were badly injured. Officially it is said the rails spread, permitting the engine and four cars to topple over.

**Destination Is Monterey.**  
San Francisco, Sept. 5.—The men of the Fifteenth infantry regiment, en route from Manila on the transport Meade, will be disembarked at Monterey, where a post is about to be established and where the Fifteenth will be stationed.

**Relief for Agua Dulce.**  
Washington, Sept. 5.—Advice received by the Colombian legation here says that the Colombian government is still making efforts to send relief to the town of Agua Dulce, now besieged by the revolutionists.

## PROGRESS OF NAVAL WAR

Fleet Makes Another Attack on Fort Wright.

FURIOUS BOMBARDMENT BEGINS

Higginson and Coghlan Bring Up Their Squadrons and Mimic Battle Has All the Spectacular Effects of Real Conflict.

Fisher's Island, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Fort Wright was again attacked last night and it would appear that Admirals Higginson and Coghlan have brought their fleets together for the purpose of silencing, if possible, the guns of the fort, which is admitted to be the most strongly fortified on Long Island sound.

Admiral Higginson's maneuver was an excellent one and brought out the finest points of the game of war. He came down upon the forts in two sections. The cruisers were sent ahead with the apparent purpose of having the fire concentrated upon them. He then crept up with his battleships and opened fire with the purpose of crumbling the forts to pieces.

At 10:05 p. m. a general alarm rang out over Fort Wright and all the troops were called to arms. At that hour searchlight No. 5 picked up the cruiser Brooklyn as she was speeding to the westward toward the race. At first it was supposed that the cruiser was on her way to New York for repairs, but she came so close to the island that a warning shot was fired, and to the surprise of the officer she replied vigorously. This action leads to the belief that the reported accident to the Brooklyn has been exaggerated by the navy officials for the purpose of throwing the defenders of the fort off their guard.

The firing had been on but a few moments when the Olympia was sighted, closely following the Brooklyn, and she, too, opened up with every available gun at the forts. After these two vessels passed through the race, three battleships were picked up by the searchlights. They were soon recognized as the Kearsarge, Massachusetts and Alabama, and they were proceeding toward the race in the order named. As they passed the forts they opened fire. Every gun at Fort Wright was blazing away, and Forts Terry and Michie were also making a valiant attempt to put the ships out of business. The dense smoke, both from the guns of the battleships and forts, now enveloped the former. The ships soon took advantage of this and scudded away through the race.

## PRESIDENT ENJOYS REST.

Experiences No Serious Inconvenience From Accident.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 5.—The president yesterday entertained Grand Duke Boris of Russia at luncheon. The grand duke came to Oyster Bay from Newport on Ogdin Mill's yacht Felicia. The grand duke called simply to pay his respects.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Cortelyou have recovered from the effects of their accident, but still bear awkward marks of the catastrophe. Dr. Lang thinks that the marks on the president's face will disappear in about four days.

Appropos of the accident the suggestion was made that an additional measure of safety would be taken, if local committees would see to it that none but docile horses are attached to the carriage in which the president and members of his party ride. While the horses that were hitched to the president's landau Wednesday were quiet, still at other times skittish animals have been furnished.

The president will send a wreath of flowers to Chicago to be placed on the coffin of Agent Craig, who was killed Wednesday. The president is receiving a great number of messages of congratulations on his escape of Wednesday. These have come from crowned heads, prominent officials and citizens in this country.

**Departure of Miles Delayed.**  
Washington, Sept. 5.—Lieutenant General Miles intends to make an inspection of the artillery defenses along the Pacific coast before embarking for the Philippines. General Miles will not be able to leave Washington on next Wednesday, as was expected, but instead will time his departure so as to sail on the transport Crook, which is scheduled to leave San Francisco for Manila on the 30th.

**Turns Down Kansas City Platform.**  
Milwaukee, Sept. 5.—The Wisconsin Democratic state convention concluded its labors at a late hour yesterday afternoon. The biggest surprise of the day and a sensation at that was the turning down of a resolution just before the convention adjourned endorsing the national platform. While the delegates gave a respectful hearing to its reading, it was not entertained for an instant.

## WILL CONTINUE THE FIGHT.

Anti-Imperialist League Issues a Statement of Its Purposes.

Boston, Sept. 5.—After a meeting of the executive committee of the New England Anti-Imperialist league yesterday the following declaration, signed by George S. Boutwell, president, and Erving Winslow, secretary, was issued: "The rumors which have appeared recently that the anti-imperialists would suspend agitation for the present and wait the result of President Roosevelt's policy, are without any foundation whatever. On the contrary, they declare that they have no confidence in President Roosevelt's policy or purpose as declared in his recent speeches and that the anti-imperialists will aid in the election of members of congress who are opposed to continued occupation of the Philippines and who are in favor of the establishment of an independent government without delay."

## BLAME TRUSTS FOR FAILURE.

Husband and Wife Then Turn on the Gas and Die Together.

Des Moines, Sept. 5.—Because they could not get work James B. Taylor and his wife, Ann Taylor, wrote a letter to the public blaming the greedy corporations and trusts for their failure. Then they turned on the gas and at noon the husband was found dead and the wife dying in their room at a boarding house at 202 West Eighth street. They came here from Ottumwa two weeks ago.

## Card Is the Only Clue.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—A card bearing the inscription "D. Appleton & Co., New York and London; Thomas V. Perkins, Auditor," is the only clue to the identity of a well dressed man lying dead at an undertaking establishment in this city. The man was found in an unconscious condition in Van Buren street and from the fact that no money or valuables were found upon him the police are working on the theory that the man had been assaulted and robbed.

## Lone Robber Holds Up Stage.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 5.—The Walnut Grove stage from Sacramento was held up by a lone highwayman near Courtland. Joseph Fisher, a passenger, and Ed Bryan, the driver, were robbed. Henry F. Ishman, another passenger, resisted and wrested the pistol from the man's hand. The robber broke from Ishman's grasp and escaped.

## Woman Is Found Guilty.

Olathe, Kan., Sept. 5.—Bessie Hickland, who killed Allen Bailey, a twelve-year-old boy, at Wilder last July, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree in the district court of this county. This gives her a sentence of from ten years to life imprisonment. Her plea was transitory mania.

## Lynch Law in Texas.

Hempstead, Tex., Sept. 5.—Jesse Walker, colored, was taken from the county jail last night by a crowd of several hundred citizens and hanged to a telephone pole. The crime for which he was lynched was criminal assault upon a white woman. The negro confessed.

## Bank Cashier Ends His Life.

Sioux City, Sept. 5.—Herman Hasche, cashier of the Doon Savings bank of Doon, Ia., committed suicide by shooting himself yesterday. No cause is known. His accounts are now being examined, but it is believed they will be found correct.

## Fatal Quarrel Over Line Fence.

Gallipolis, O., Sept. 5.—Andrew Ward shot and killed Mrs. Taylor near this place because she asked him not to tear down a fence she had built on the line between their property. Ward was arrested and placed in jail at Pomeroy.

## SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Crescent failed to break the world's trotting record at Columbus Thursday, making the mile in 3:04.

Charles Bowden cut the throat of Maggie Russell with a razor at Sacramento Thursday and then severed his own jugular vein.

The Odeon theater at Cincinnati was destroyed by fire Thursday. The big music hall adjoining was damaged to the extent of \$10,000.

More than a score of people were hurt, several of them seriously, in a wreck of a Milwaukee avenue cable train at Chicago, Thursday.

Near Waltham, Okla., Rev. S. Brown was gored to death by a bull while attempting to drive cattle from one pasture to another on his farm.

The interstate rifle match at Sea Girt for the Soldier of Marathon trophy was won by New Jersey with a total of 1,082 out of a possible 1,200.

Balley Kerekas, a Lowell, Mich., veterinary surgeon, was arrested by officers of Ionia county, charged with sending a poisoned headache powder to George Merritt of Saranac.

Three hundred miners employed by the Coal Creek (Tenn.) Coal company have quit work on account of a failure to reach an agreement on the scale of wages for the year beginning Sept. 1.

## RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT

MEETING AT CITY HALL APPOINTS COMMITTEES.

Work is Begun in Earnest to Welcome the President and to Entertain the Big Crowds.

On Tuesday evening a citizens meeting was held at the city hall to arrange for the reception of President Roosevelt. Hon. H. C. Laub was chairman of the meeting and although there was some general talk concerning the great event there was little for the meeting to do save to appoint the proper committee. A committee of seven was appointed with power to appoint sub-committees. This has been done and all of the committees are now hard at work determined to make the President's reception the greatest event ever witnessed in western Iowa. The details of the program will be announced as soon as formulated. While the committee can do much they need the cooperation of every citizen. The first duty is to set our houses in order. Every property owner should take pride in having his residence neat and clean and profusely decorated. It has been practically decided by the committee that the speaking stand shall be erected at the intersection of streets near the new Normandy hotel. This is an excellent location as the surrounding hills form a natural amphitheatre and thousands upon thousands can both see and hear the President.

The following are the committees:

- General Committee—Conner, Carey, Taber, Romans, Meyers, Caswell, Scriver.
- Committee on Invitation and Publicity—Conner, Caswell, Romans, Kuehnie, Meyers.
- Program Committee—Meyers, Carey, S. McHenry, Scriver, Philbrook, Taber, Ortswell, Naeve.
- Entertainment Committee—Gulick, Kuehnie, Gibson, H. C. Laub, Scriver, C. C. Kemming, T. J. Kelly.
- Finance Committee—Taber, Voss, Bullock, Sears McHenry.
- Decorations—Philbrook, Johnson, Gebert, J. E. Baile, Schuler, T. J. Kelly, A. Wright.
- Transportation—Lally, Garrison, W. T. Wright, Mahoney, McCloy, O. W. Wheeler.
- Police Regulation—Carey, C. C. Kemming, Bell, Johnson, W. A. McHenry, J. L. McClellan, W. J. McAhren.

## Protection for Strike Breakers.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 5.—Mayor Murray yesterday issued a proclamation declaring that ample protection from personal injury will be given to Union Pacific employes when traveling the streets of this city. This is a result of alleged threats made by Union Pacific strikers against the strike breakers in the local shops. Mayor Murray has doubled the police force.

## Not Molested by Strikers.

Tamaqua, Pa., Sept. 5.—Although Mayor Gearhart did not send any part of the troops out yesterday the non-union men were not molested while on their way to work. President Baer's statement to Senators Quay and Penrose has had a depressing effect upon the miners here. They say the end of the strike seems a long way off.

## Machine Shops Deserted.

Livingson, Mont., Sept. 5.—As a result of the disagreement between the machinists union and Master Mechanic Clarkson, 200 machinists employed in the Northern Pacific shops here have walked out on a strike. The big machine shops of the company have been practically deserted.

## Glass Strike Is Settled.

Philadelphia, Sept. 5.—The stained glass workers who have been on strike in five establishments here returned to work yesterday, the question at issue having been satisfactorily adjusted.

## HITCH IN BEEF TRUST HEARING.

Judge Kinley Falls to Appear at St. Joseph and Some Predict the End.  
St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 5.—Notwithstanding that Attorney General Crowe was represented at the opening hour for the beef trust hearing in this city yesterday, no session was held. At the last moment a telegram was handed to the attorneys in the case, stating that Judge Kinley, who presides at the hearing, was unable to reach here from Kansas City. Assistant Attorney General Lee said he could give no reason for a postponement of the case, but nevertheless a postponement was taken and the attorney left the city for his home at Jefferson City. No date was fixed for continuing the evidence, and it is freely stated among the attorneys that this is the last of the investigation at this point.