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BRYAN IN DELAWARE.

He Makes Two Speeches at the City of Wilmington.

DAY BEGUN IN MARYLAND.

Seven Addresses Delivered at Eastern Shore Points.

AUDIENCES AS A RULE FAIR-SIZED.

The Majority of Them Thoroughly Appreciative—Five Republican Questions Answered Fully and Freely.

WILMINGTON, DEL., October 24.—Mr. Bryan made two speeches of some length in this city to-night, after having made seven other addresses during the day.

At St. Michael's, the first stopping place of the day, Mr. Bryan spoke to a small number of people who had congregated there.

Before speaking to the colored people he referred to the question of trust. He again charged that the Republican party was suggesting no remedy for the trust, and that the person who this was suggesting was the Republican party.

DISFRANCHISEMENT OF BROWN MAN.

"It is one of the strange things we see in this campaign that the Republican party goes to a black man and asks that man to say by his vote that the brown man in the Philippines has no right to a government, and that it seems to me that before a black man votes to disfranchise a brown man he had better find out upon what basis his own rights stand, for if we deny to the Philippines the right to govern himself, what right have we to govern ourselves?"

On the second question he said: "No one has attempted to fix the number of hours or days or weeks or months necessary, but I will say this, that I believe we can establish a stable government in the Philippines in less time than the Republican party has established one in Cuba, and that I think I can promise you that our officials would not embezzle, as Republican officials have embezzled, Cuban money."

On the fifth question, relative to paying the obligations of this government in silver or gold, if elected President, he said:

"I want the Republicans who want that question answered to first find out what the law requires, and then I want them to know that, if elected President, I will enforce that law, just as I will enforce the law that requires that I strip clothes on big thieves as well as little thieves. But if you ask me to construe a republican law, I reply that I shall not construe a law until it becomes a law."

Having replied to the questions, Mr. Bryan then propounded some of his own. He said:

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STRIKE OFF TO-DAY?

Strong Indications That This May Be So.

STATEMENT FROM MITCHELL

It Will Be Issued This Afternoon or Evening.

WILL DEFINE STRIKERS' POSITION

Will Also, in All Likelihood, Indicate Whether Strike Will Be Immediately Declared Off, or Be Continued.

HAZLETON, PA., October 24.—President Mitchell to-night announced that he would to-morrow, probably late in the afternoon or evening, issue a statement defining the position of the United Mine-Workers in the present situation of the strike.

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TO VIEW THE FIELD.

Rev. Dr. R. Strange Comes to Richmond To-Day.

THE CALL FROM ST. PAUL'S.

Vestrymen and Others Inclined to Believe It Will Be Accepted.

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

He is Universally Popular in Wilmington, and Everything is Being Done to Induce Him to Remain With His Present Charge.

Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, who has been called to St. Paul's church, is expected here to-day. The prime object of his visit is to look over the field, and members of the vestry of St. Paul's have high hopes that a favorable answer will be the result of this examination.

Dr. Strange will be the guest of Dr. McCaw during his stay in Richmond, the invitation having been extended by the eminent Richmond physician when he went to Wilmington, N. C., as the delegate of St. Paul's congregation, to extend the call.

Dr. Strange will pass through Richmond on his way back to Wilmington (N. C.) from Lawrenceville, where he has been spending a few days with some members of his family, who are visiting friends in that town.

The congregation of St. Paul's church is not only sanguine, but extremely hopeful, that Dr. Strange will accept the charge they would regard in him. He is considered one of the strongest and best preachers in North Carolina, and for thirteen years has served with dignity and marked distinction St. James Episcopal church, in Wilmington, the leading parish of that denomination in the eastern part of North Carolina.

Dr. Strange has ties in Richmond that may help him to arrive at a conclusion that will meet the earnest desires of the congregation of St. Paul's. He is a half brother of Mr. Thomas Atkinson, of this city, and a very close personal friend of Rev. Mr. Clarke, rector of St. James Episcopal church.

Dr. Strange's influence has been confined to the Episcopal denomination. He is regarded throughout the South as a broad-minded, truly good man, and will be a great acquisition to the ranks of the local clergy, and will uphold the best traditions of the rectorship of St. Paul's church.

DECLINED CALL TO NORFOLK.

Three years ago he declined a call to Christ church, Norfolk, and only recently he declined to become rector of Trinity church, Columbia, S. C.

By his present parishioners in Wilmington he is fairly idolized, and every legitimate means will be taken to induce him to remain with his present charge.

St. Paul's church has been without a rector for nearly three years. The collapse of Rev. Dr. Carmichael was a great blow to the congregation, and the utmost difficulty has been experienced, not only in the selection of a successor to the brilliant scholar and polished rhetorician, but in supplying the pulpit regularly each Sunday.

Among the eminent men who have occupied the pulpit in the interim is Bishop Jaggar, one of the most eloquent preachers in the Protestant Episcopal Church of America.

DR. CLAIBORNE TO PREACH.

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NO NEWS OF ALVORD.

Defaulting Note-Teller Not Yet Located.

HAS HE KILLED HIMSELF?

Many of His Friends Believe in Suicide Theory.

SUPPLEMENTAL BANK STATEMENT

It Contradicts Reports that Defaulting Was a Regular Attendant and Heavy Better at Saratoga Races This Last Season.

NEW YORK, October 24.—Cornelius B. Alvord, the defaulting teller of the First National Bank, has not been arrested, and it is said no news has been received of him. Mrs. Alvord left her home, in Mount Vernon, and came to this city this morning. It is said she does not intend to return to Mount Vernon.

Many personal friends of Alvord's in Mount Vernon believe he has committed suicide. John N. Murphy, one of the banker's most intimate friends, said to-day he firmly believed that Alvord has taken his own life.

"He was just the sort of a man who would do such a thing," said Mr. Murphy. "While he was phlegmatic, and apparently took matters as they came, he was in reality a sensitive man. I wish, as his personal friend, to deny the story current that there was another woman in whom he was interested, and who was deeply attached to his wife and family, and did not associate with a fast set."

The following supplemental statement was given out by the First National Bank officials this afternoon:

PECULIARITIES BEGAN FIVE YEARS AGO.

"Alvord's false entries appear to have commenced about five years ago. One of his duties was to collect drafts and notes not payable through the Clearing-House, a considerable part of these usually being paid in cash. He appropriated a portion of this cash from time to time, as opportunity offered, and the cash was turned over to the money clerk, the discrepancy was concealed by false entries of balances on the note-teller's book.

Until his recent disappearance Alvord had not been absent from the bank during one business day this year. He did not take his usual vacation last summer, traveling that instead he might take a month next winter for a trip to California."

The interesting feature of the supplemental statement is the statement that Alvord had not been absent from the bank for one business day this year. This contradicts the numerous reports that Alvord was a regular attendant and heavy better at the Saratoga races this last season.

HOW ALVORD OPERATED.

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WILL GO TO THE INAUGURATION.

The Question of Who Will Be Elected Not Bothering the Blues.

The Richmond Light Infantry Blues' Battalion will attend the inauguration of the President on the 4th of next March no matter whether he be William McKinley or William Jennings Bryan.

Major Cutchins informed the men at battalion fatigue drill last night that they were expected to be in readiness for the trip when the day of inauguration came. He said the battalion would attend the inauguration, no matter who was elected President. The men received the announcement with apparent pleasure. Plans will at once be put on foot to carry out the suggestion made by Major Cutchins.

Some Choice Short Lengths

at prices lower than ever, will be offered to-day in the great Silk Sale at Four-quare, Temple & Co's.

Don't Wait; Delays Are Dangerous.

For Rheumatism, Sciatica, Stiff Joints, Stiff Joints, Contracted Muscles, Strains, Sprains, Stiff Joints, and Stiff Joints, Large bottle, 25 cents, everywhere; small bottle, 15 cents.

Drink Kenny's Teas and Coffees.

EXPLOSION AT INDIAN HEAD.

Shock Felt Over Wide Area—Buildings Destroyed.

WASHINGTON, October 24.—It is reported that an explosion occurred at the Indian Head Proving-Grounds about 11 o'clock to-night. A flash of light, visible some distance, accompanied the explosion, which was followed by a fire.

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PARIS EXPOSITION PROLONGED.

One Day to Be Devoted to the Poor, With Free Admission.

PARIS, October 24.—The government has decided to prolong the exposition for an additional week. It will close Sunday, November 11th. One day will be devoted to the poor, with free admission. That night the exposition will be illuminated as on special nights. It is said that a million visitors will be present that day.

The American exhibitors generally are opposed to the prolongation, as they have made contracts and every other arrangement to remove the exhibits on the day originally set for closing, and many of them have booked their passages home.

GOLD MEDAL.

Awarded T. W. Wood & Sons, Seed-Growers, of Richmond, Va., for Their Exhibit at Paris Exposition.

Advice has been received from Paris that the well-known firm of T. W. Wood & Sons, seed-growers and merchants of Richmond, Va., have been awarded a gold medal for their exhibit of seed at the Paris Exposition. T. W. Wood & Sons are the most prominent firm in their line in the Southern States, and the awarding of the gold medal by the Paris Exposition is a source of pride and pleasure not only to the firm itself, but to the entire South, as it is justly considered a reward of merit.

This firm does extensive business throughout the entire South, and its customers will doubtless be very glad to know of the great success attending their efforts.

Hammond, Florist.

107 east Broad street, largest assortment of Roses and Cut-Flowers in the city. Wedding Bouquets, Designs, and Decorations a specialty. Mailed or telegraph orders given prompt attention. Long-distance telephone.

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THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, October 24.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: fair to fresh northwesterly winds.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND.

YESTERDAY was clear and warm. The range of the thermometer was as follows:

6 A. M. 70

9 A. M. 74

12 M. 80

3 P. M. 83

6 P. M. 81

9 P. M. 78

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