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## HEARST WALKED AWAY WITH GOODS

### Graves Delivered Them and Then Got Boosted for Tail End of Ticket.

### PUMP OXYGEN INTO INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE

New Party Formed in Virginia With William Elmore Seal as Leader—One Woman Editor to Help Movement at Virginia Beach in Columns of "Sand."

COL. GRAVES.

THOROUGHLY dominated by the guiding hand of Colonel John Temple Graves, who, after elucidating the principles of the Independence platform, made numerous suggestions "merely as an outsider," the Independence party of Virginia was organized last night in the Jefferson Hotel. After the usual preliminaries, the delegates were instructed to vote in the Chicago convention on July 27th for William Randolph Hearst for President of the United States, and John Temple Graves for Vice-President. William Elmore Seal, a reporter for the News Leader, was elected chairman of the Virginia State Executive Committee.

In the audience was Mrs. H. H. White, who has recently started a weekly paper called "Sand" at Virginia Beach, the support of which she pledged to the independence party. Many of Col. Graves's remarks were directed to her, and if her applause may be taken as an indication of the meed of support her paper will give, the new party may count upon her as one of its mainstays.

**Named Delegates to Chicago.**

With Mr. Seal as chairman, the State committee was named as follows: J. J. O'Donnell, Newport News; R. S. Freeman, Richmond; George Hart, Norfolk county; E. W. Gaines, Norfolk county.

This committee in turn selected the following delegates to the Chicago convention: Messrs. J. J. O'Donnell, Newport News; E. W. Gaines, Norfolk county; George Hart, Norfolk county; J. W. Kenner, Front Royal; W. H. Gunn, Norfolk; C. E. Strother, Martinsville; B. Woolburg, Alexandria; Lloyd Addison, of Westmoreland county; R. E. Freeman, Richmond; J. R. Tillery, Henrico county; W. E. Seal, Richmond; J. M. O'Connor, Norfolk; J. M. Bachelider, Alexandria; H. P. Moore, Norfolk county; George M. Cease, Henrico county, and R. C. Acton, Alexandria.

This is not the full quota of delegates to which Virginia is entitled, but the others will be selected later by the committee.

Promptly at 9 o'clock about forty people crowded into the room on the sixth floor of the hotel where the meeting was held.

Colonel Graves was not forthcoming just at this time and many calls were made for "Moxie" (M. F.) Ihmsen, the famous Hearst campaign manager. "Moxie," however, was not on the job, so the interim was taken up by an ardent speech in behalf of the new party by Mr. J. J. O'Donnell, of Newport News, who characterized it as the only party in which a laboring man could get his dues. Mr. O'Donnell was formerly president of the State Federation of Labor.

**Graves Blew in with a Smile.**

Just as Mr. O'Donnell was rounding off his speech, Colonel Graves entered unostentatiously enough, but prepared to deliver the goods. He began by saying that there were enough and to spare in the audience to start a new party, and called the attention of those present to the fact that the Free Soil party had been started by eleven men in a negro church in Boston, and that the Republican party was reorganized by Abraham Lincoln at Springfield, Ill., with only seven men besides himself.

The colonel said, however, that the movement which he advocated was by no means a new one, having grown, as most of them knew, out of the Hearst Municipal League. With this league backing him he declared that Mr. Hearst had gained 235,000 votes, 250,000 of which had been counted, and had been elected Mayor of New York, notwithstanding the recent investigation and recount. In this connection he took occasion to denounce "Pat" McCarren as a traitor, repudiated by his own party. He then proceeded to read the principles of the party from which the Chicago platform will be drawn, saying that both the Democrats and Republicans had stolen from it copiously. The platform, he said, which would be made from these principles, would be one that would appeal to all liberty-loving American men and women.

"I have been a Democrat all the days of my life," he said, "and in following these principles I am a better Democrat to-day than I ever was before."

Then he went on to say that the present parties were both dominated by certain leaders and were subservient to bosses; that they had both been illustrious, but that their day was passed, and that they would be obliged to give way to the party without bosses—of the people and for the people.

**Said They Cursed Bryan.**

Having attended both conventions, he said that one was just as bad, so far as bossism was concerned, as the other; that the Roosevelt yoke was quite as pronounced and as galling as that of Bryan. The men, he declared, who wildly cheered the name of Bryan for one hour and twenty-seven minutes, cursed the mention of his name as soon as they were out on the street. Closing, he begged the people of Virginia to follow the new ticket with their "ballots and brains," promising them victory, and with it such freedom as Patrick Henry had plead for 100 years ago.

A few moments before Colonel Graves closed his speech, a stout gentleman, travel-stained and breathless, entered the hall. Word quickly went around that it was the long looked for "Moxie," and eyes were wide with expectancy. The new arrival proved, however, to be Colonel John T. Martin, of New York, a former member of Tammany Hall, but now a strong advocate of the Independence party, who had come all the way from the metropolis to sway the Virginians with his eloquence. He knew the famous New York organization from the inside, and spared no pains to dig up its rottenness from top to bottom, saying that he did not leave the party, but that the party, on account of its deviations, left him. His watchword was "Break away," get into the bandwagon, and follow the peerless leader with personal

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## TAKE MESSAGE TO CHICAGO

**Two Thousand Boys to Take Part in Race Across Country.**

NEW YORK, July 15.—As a pistol rang out on the City Hall steps at 10 o'clock this morning, a little athlete in running tights, carrying a silver tube containing a message from Mayor McClellan to Mayor Busse, of Chicago, started away up Broadway on the first relay of a thousand-mile journey to Chicago. Herbert H. Rapp was the runner, and Mayor McClellan's message was as follows:

"To the City of Chicago: The city of New York sends greetings by the fleet runners of the Young Men's Christian Association. This message is borne on foot without a halt from the Atlantic to Lake Michigan, and the hundreds of boys who carry it gain no prize except the consciousness of having done their best."

According to the schedule, the message will reach Chicago on Tuesday, July 21st. Two thousand boys will take part in the race. Each runner will carry the message half a mile, when a fresh runner will take it on to the next point of relief. Perhaps the most spectacular feature of the relay run will be the swimming of Lake Cayuga by the boys of the Auburn (N. Y.) department.

**Ahead of Time.**

YONKERS, N. Y., July 15.—The message from Mayor McClellan, of New York, to Mayor Busse, of Chicago, which is being carried by relays of boy runners, reached this city, the end of the first stage of the Western journey, eight miles ahead of schedule time. Mayor Warren received the message from one and passed it to another runner, who darted away toward Ossining.

**Going at Fast Rate.**

FISHKILL LANDING, N. Y., July 15.—The message which is being rushed from New York to Chicago by relays of boy runners reached here at 4:28 o'clock this afternoon, one hour and two minutes ahead of schedule.

## ELKS LODGE OF SORROW

**Impressive Addresses Made—Bands Unite and Parade and Play.**

DALLAS, TEXAS, July 15.—To-day's session of the Elks' Grand Lodge meeting here in annual session was devoted to the "Lodge of Sorrow," the impressive service of the order in commemoration of the deceased members, various prominent Elks paying feeling tribute to those who have died. Henry A. Melvin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California, was among the speakers.

Following the "Lodge of Sorrow," Percy Clay, of Denver, read a report on the question of the destruction of elk to get their teeth as emblems, which was brought up in the Philadelphia Grand Lodge meeting. No final action was taken. On the official program the dictum was designated as "Get Acquainted," and the visiting and local Elks followed to the letter the dictum of the order. This evening the thirty bands in attendance, massed and paraded the down-town streets. The bands were under one director and comprised 550 musicians. After the massed parade concerts were given in all the public parks and children's playgrounds through the evening.

The feature of to-morrow's program will be the annual Elks' parade. Exactly 21,000 visiting Elks have registered and those with the 1,015 members of the Grand Lodge will be in line with the members of the local lodge.

## STEVE ADAMS IS ACQUITTED

**His Confession Excluded by Judge and Alibi Established.**

GRAND JUNCTION, COL., July 15.—Steve Adams, member of the Western Federation of Miners, was this afternoon acquitted of the murder of Arthur Collins. Adams's alleged confession of the crime was excluded as evidence by Judge Shackelford, and eight witnesses testified to an alibi for the accused man.

Collins, who was manager of the Smuggler Union mine, at Telluride, was shot on the night of November 19, 1902, while playing cards in his office.

After the crier of the court had read the verdict, Adams was ordered discharged by Judge Shackelford. Adams immediately stepped to the jury box and shook hands with each one of the jurors and thanked them for finding him not guilty. He also thanked the members of the Western Federation of Miners who are here for their support and encouragement during his long imprisonment and trial.

Adams left the court room with William Easterly, another prominent federationist, and joined Mrs. Adams at the hotel, where she had been staying during the trial. No move was made to rearrest Adams on any of the other murder charges growing out of the Colorado labor troubles, and it is said he will be permitted to go free.

## RYAN NOW IN CONTROL

**Said to Have Succeeded August Belmont as Owner of Interborough.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, July 15.—The Interborough Rapid Transit Company was reported to-day to have practically passed from the active control of August Belmont. Thomas F. Ryan is now said to be the real owner. The passing of Mr. Belmont is said to be reflected in the departure for Europe some days ago of President E. P. Bryan. His assistant, J. E. Grape, was permitted to resign, and Mr. Bryan's salary ceased when he sailed. David W. Ross has been elected vice-president and assumed charge of contracts and supplies and all principal work. Another significant change is the promotion of A. A. Gardner to the office of general counsel, who succeeds George Wickersham, who is personal counsel to Mr. Belmont.

## KILLS WOMAN AND A HOG

**Severe Storm in Hanover County Attended With Fatal Results.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROCKVILLE, HANOVER CO., VA., July 15.—The thunder-storm Sunday night was one of the most severe ever known in this section. Alice Shelton, a colored woman, while sitting in her cabin with a small baby in her arms and several children around her, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The baby was slightly burned, while none of the others in the cabin were hurt at all.

The lightning also killed a hog belonging to Mr. R. F. Redford, and tore off one side of a tobacco barn belonging to Mr. R. G. Snead.

While the thunder and lightning was so severe the rainfall was very light.

**Runs Across Church Roof.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

AMHERST, VA., July 15.—Amherst was visited by quite a severe thunderstorm yesterday afternoon, and the Presbyterian Church at this place narrowly escaped being destroyed. Lightning struck a locust tree on one side of the church and ran entirely across the roof, slightly loosening up the tin and tearing up the ground on the opposite side of the church from the tree. But for the fact that the building is constructed of brick and covered with tin, it is supposed that it would have been burned.

## SHRINERS MEET IN LOUISVILLE NEXT

### George L. Street, of Richmond, Was Elected Deputy Potentate.

### PARADE IN ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

Imperial Council of Shriners Complete Business and Enjoys Social Events—Members Will Continue to Celebrate in Minnesota City Until Saturday.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 15.—The Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine to-day elected officers and decided to hold the conclave of 1909 in Louisville. Four cities were contestants for the gathering of next year—Seattle, Louisville, Atlantic City and Detroit. Selection was referred to a committee, which reported in favor of Louisville. The report of the committee was adopted this afternoon.

In accordance with precedent, Frank D. Roundy, imperial potentate, was not a candidate for re-election, and the officers below him were each advanced a step, leaving only the lowest office—outer imperial guard—open to contest.

**Officers Elected.**

Following are the new officers:

Potentate, Edwin B. Alderman, Marion, Iowa.

Deputy Potentate, George L. Street, Richmond, Va.

Chief Rabban, Frederick A. Mines, Los Angeles, Cal.

Assistant Rabban, J. Frank Trent, Fargo, N. D.

High Priest and Prophet, William J. Cunningham, Baltimore.

Oriental Guide, William W. Erwin, Wheeling, W. Va.

First Ceremonial Master, Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, S. C.

Second Ceremonial Master, Frederick R. Smith, Rochester, N. Y.

Marshal, J. Putnam Stevens, Portland, Me.

Captain of the Guard, Henry F. Neidringhouse, Jr., St. Louis.

Outer Guard, Charles F. Ovenshire, Minneapolis.

Treasurer, W. S. Brown, Pittsburg.

Recorder, Benjamin F. Rowell, Boston.

**New Temples.**

The council considered about a dozen applications for dispensations for new temples, but only three were granted, namely, Seattle, Wash.; Ashland, Ore., and Madisonville, Ky. Five temples were granted dispensations a year ago, and were granted charters to-day, as follows: Calam Temple, Lewiston, Idaho; El Azher, Calgary, Alberta; Mocha, London, Ont.; Abu Bekr, Sioux City, Iowa, and Oleika, Lexington, Ky.

An important action of to-day's session of the council was the raising of the initiation fee to a minimum of $50.

**Exhibition Drills.**

While the Imperial Council was in session, twenty-five Arab Patrols were giving exhibition drills at Lexington Ball Park. No patrol was allowed more than twenty minutes. The competitive feature of the contest was eliminated by the announcement of Imperial Potentate Roundy that no prizes would be given. The attendance was restricted to Shriners and their woman relatives and friends.

**Many Social Events.**

The business session of the Imperial Council ended to-day, but many of the Shriners will stay until Saturday. The automobile races at Hamlin track this afternoon were attended by thousands of Shriners. The event to-night was a parade of the Arab Patrol in Minneapolis, similar in many respects to the electrical parade in St. Paul last night, and a reception by State officers at the Capitol in St. Paul. Receptions were also held by the various temples at their headquarters, while a reception extraordinary was given by the nobles and ladies of Adelpho Temple, Boston, at the Ryan Hotel.

To-morrow Zurah Temple, Minneapolis, will entertain the visitors.

## MARRIED IN WELDON

**E. L. Jennings and Miss M. M. Mueller Elope to North Carolina.**

Mr. E. L. Jennings, of 2215 E. Broad Street, and Miss M. M. Mueller, of 410 West Broad Street, left Richmond yesterday and were married at the Atlantic Coast Line Hotel at Weldon, N. Y., last night by the Rev. P. N. Stainback. The bride is described as being a beautiful young lady and highly accomplished. The general verdict is that no handsomer couple has lately left Richmond for that Mecca of hopeful young lovers.

## SEVEN KILLED IN MINE HORROR

### Explosion of Gas in Williamstown Colliery Causes Death and Destruction.

### MANY VOLUNTEERS FOR WORK OF RESCUE

Injured Man Taken to Morgue and Laid Out With Dead Bodies—Mine Badly Wrecked and Set on Fire by Explosion.

POTTSVILLE, PA., July 15.—Seven mine workers were killed and ten others injured to-day by a terrific explosion of gas in the Williamstown colliery of the Summit Branch Mining Company, in the lower part of the anthracite coal fields. The mine was wrecked and set on fire.

The dead are: John Reilly, Arthur Hawk, Charles Rickert, John Whittle, Anthony Freelas, James Bowman and Michael Stakum.

The explosion occurred in No. 1 shaft of the colliery, and is believed to have been caused by one of the men lifting the gauze of his safety lamp just after an explosion of a shot, which brought down a large body of coal.

The explosion shook the entire colliery. The work of rescue was immediately begun, and when volunteers were called for, almost every man at the workings offered his services, which meant a hazardous trip into the burning mine.

Near the foot of the shaft the injured were found, they having rushed toward the entrance only to fall over unconscious. All of the dead were found a short distance from the shaft, battered and burned into an almost unrecognizable mass.

**Returned to Life.**

Physicians from Williamstown and nearby villages treated the injured, while a number of women volunteered their services as nurses. Several of the injured were removed to their homes after receiving temporary treatment, but others were in too serious condition to be moved until to-night, and cots were provided for them. The doctors say that three of the injured may die. One of the injured was taken to the morgue, and it was not until an identification of the bodies was made that it was found that he was living. He was badly burned and battered, but will probably recover.

The fire in the mine probably will be extinguished before much damage is done.

The Williamstown Colliery is operated by one of the companies controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

## KILLED BY SWITCH ENGINE

**Yardmaster Ross Anderson Meets Violent Death at Asheville.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 15.—Yardmaster Ross Anderson was knocked down and instantly killed by a switch engine in the local yards of the Southern Railway at 6:30 o'clock this evening. His skull was split open and one arm entirely cut off. He was dead before assistance reached him.

Anderson, who was thirty years of age, had been in the employ of the Southern Railway eleven years. He leaves a widow and four small children. He was a resident of Asheville and exceedingly popular.

## BORES WAY OUT OF JAIL WHEN ABOUT TO BE TRIED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 15.—Carl de Brell, of Lynchburg, Va., aged fourteen, one of the two youths arrested here last week, escaped from jail today just before his case was to have been called in court. The lad burrowed through a twelve-inch brick wall with a spoon. Up to late to-night the police had failed to recapture the fugitive.

**WEATHER.**

*Fair and Warmer.*

## PLATFORM FOR PROHIBITIONISTS

### National Convention Organizes and Has Many Candidates for the Presidency

### FOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE AND TARIFF REFORM

Regulation of Corporations, Government Savings Banks, Popular Election of Senators, Income and Inheritance Tax Among Reforms Called for.

COLUMBUS, O., July 15.—The Prohibitionist National Convention, which met here to-day, worked under a temporary organization throughout its two sessions, and adjourned until to-morrow, without hearing a report from the committee appointed to select permanent officers. In fact, little was accomplished to-day beyond naming the members of the various committees and receiving reports of the committees on rules and on credentials. There were no contests before the latter body, and its report, as well as that of the committee on rules, was largely perfunctory.

The committee on permanent organization will report to-morrow morning, and Professor Charles Scanlon, of Pittsburg, one of the numerous candidates for the presidency, will be named as the permanent chairman.

**Nomination in Doubt.**

The presidential nomination is still open, and there has been no marked concentration in favor of any candidate. It was agreed early to-day that the nomination could be had by Seaborn Wright, of Georgia, if he would express a willingness to accept it. The name of Joshua Levering, of Maryland, who was the nominee in 1896, has been prominently mentioned. James P. Tracey, of Detroit, is making an energetic canvass, and sentiment is steadily growing in favor of his nomination. The Illinois delegates are pushing Daniel R. Sheen, of Peoria. The friends of Robert H. Patton, of Springfield, Ill., temporary chairman of the convention, are rapidly increasing, and a movement in his behalf took tangible shape when he concluded his address at the first session of the convention to-day.

**Preparing the Platform.**

The friends of Charles Scanlon, who is to be the permanent chairman of the convention, say to-night that they feel greatly encouraged over the progress their candidate is making.

The committee on resolutions met immediately after the adjournment of the morning session of the convention and delegated the task of writing the platform to a subcommittee of five, composed of Samuel Dickie, of Michigan; Quincy L. Morrill, of South Dakota; Eugene Chapin, of Illinois; Frank Sailber, of Arizona, and Silas C. Swallow, of Pennsylvania.

When the subcommittee made its report at 9:30 o'clock to-night the platform had been in greater part arranged, and it is expected it will be accepted as it has been drawn.

**Important Planks.**

The principal planks to be incorporated will be about as follows:

There will be a declaration in favor of extending suffrage to women; the election of Senators by direct vote of the people will be favored, and a ringing declaration will be made against the existing revenue laws which permit the issuance of licenses to saloons.

The platform will also declare in favor of the enactment of a graduated income and inheritance tax. A demand will be made that a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the liquor traffic be submitted to the people.

**Oppose Local Option.**

This is intended to meet the question raised in Congress at the last session that Federal regulation of the liquor traffic is unconstitutional, when it extends beyond interstate traffic. This plank, together with that denouncing the revenue laws that permit the issuance of licenses, is expected to cover the attitude of the party on the questions of license and direct prohibition.

The sentiment of the party, wher-

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## FLEET NEARING HONOLULU

**Plans for the Ships in the Several Divisions.**

HONOLULU, July 15.—A wireless message from the flagship Connecticut, received here at 2:30 this morning, says that at 8 o'clock last night the Atlantic fleet was in latitude 34 degrees, 10 minutes north, longitude 152 degrees 32 minutes west, a distance from here of 340 miles. The weather was fine.

The Nebraska was reported by wireless at 6:30 o'clock this morning.

After passing the leper settlement on the Island of Molokai, early on Thursday, the third division, including the Louisiana, Virginia, Ohio and Missouri, will go either to Lahaina or Maalae Bay, on the Island of Maui, to coal. The first, second and fourth divisions will come to Honolulu.

The second division, composed of the Georgia, Nebraska, New Jersey and Rhode Island, will come to anchor to the eastward of the harbor entrance. The Illinois, Kearsarge and Kentucky, of the fourth division, will anchor on the west side of the entrance, while the first division, consisting of the Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont, with the Wisconsin, of the fourth division, will enter the harbor.

The auxiliary ships, with the exception of the Culgoa and Arethusa, will sail for Auckland, N. S., on July 18th. The Panther, Yankton, Ajax and Relief, will stop at Pago, Samoa. The Ajax and Glacier will stop at Suva, the capital of Fiji.

## MANY RELATIVES IN SCOTT

**Kinsmen of Kern, Though Republicans, Will Support Him.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

GATE CITY, VA., July 15.—Hon. John W. Kern, the Democratic nominee for Vice-President, has many near relatives living in Scott county. About the year 1850 Rev. Isaac Kern, a missionary Baptist minister, came from Botetourt county and located near Fort Blackmore, this county, where he lived the remainder of his life. He brought up a large family, five of his sons still living in Scott and Wise counties. Two of the sons are Baptist ministers. Rev. Isaac Kern, it is authoritatively stated, was a brother to the father of the Democratic vice-presidential nominee. He was a remarkable man in many respects, and left a deep impress upon the community in which he lived.

In one respect his descendants differ from their illustrious Indiana kinsman, they being Republicans. However, in this race, at least, they will break away from their political moorings and aid in the election of Bryan and Kern, or at least in the effort to elect them. The ticket and platform are both extremely popular in Southwest Virginia, and the unanimous verdict is that the convention could not have done better than it did.

## GOVERNMENT CLAIMS LIEN

**Files Petition Asking Protection as Creditor for Nearly $1,000,000.**

NORFOLK, VA., July 15.—The United States government filed a petition in the Jamestown Exposition Federal court litigation here this afternoon, asking protection as a creditor of the exposition on account of its $1,000,000 loan, and claiming priority of payment over everything else owed by the Exposition Company.

The petition sets out that of the $1,000,000 loan the government has received back $102,046.43, leaving a balance due of $897,953.57. It had been thought that the government loan was only a lien on the exposition gate receipts, but to-day's petition, filed by Assistant United States Attorney Talley, claims that under the special statute appropriating the loan it comes as a first lien.

Receiver Alvah H. Martin, of the Jamestown Exposition Company, in a statement to-night declares that he does not look on the government's suit as unfriendly, declaring that it was filed in order to be proven and take its place among others. It is understood that the proving of the claim is one of the steps necessary in the purchase of the grounds for a naval training station and coal base, the claim to be accepted as part payment.

## RECEIVER FOR ANSON'S PLACE

**Sister-in-Law of Secretary Taft Among Large Creditors.**

CHICAGO, ILL., July 15.—Adrian C. Anson, former captain of the Chicago National League baseball team, was defendant to-day in proceedings before Judge K. M. Landis, which resulted in the appointment of a receiver for Anson's billiard and bowling establishment. The bankruptcy proceedings followed closely the beginning of a suit against Anson on behalf of Mrs. Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, sister-in-law of the Republican presidential nominee. Mrs. Taft alleged that Anson owed her $6,500 for rent of the premises, where he has been conducting his business.

In to-day's proceedings, schedules of accounts due, amounting to about $20,000 were filed by the petitioning creditors. They averred that the assets, available for the liquidation of these debts total between $7,000 and $8,000.

## TRAGEDY OVER A LOCKET

**Salem Man Shot in Abdomen and Brought Home in Dying Condition.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., July 15.—William P. Blackwell, son of the late Deputy Sheriff Thomas Blackwell, of Salem, was brought here to-day from Alleghany county in a dying condition.

He was engaged on railway construction work and had a difficulty with a man named Parker over a locket which the latter had lost, and which was found by Blackwell. He opened fire on Blackwell with a double-barrel gun, the entire load entering his abdomen.

## HAS HIS FOOT CUT OFF

**Man Starts to Whip Balking Horse, and Is Seriously Injured.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

TAZEWELL, VA., July 15.—Robert K. Gillespie, a prominent farmer of the west end of this county, met with a most peculiar accident this morning on his farm near Pounding Mill. He was mowing hay, when one of his horses became balky, whereupon he alighted from the saddle of the mowing machine, placing his left foot directly in front of the blade. He was in the act of whipping the balky horse when the animal gave a sudden lurch, and his foot was caught in the machinery, and before he could extricate it the blade had severed his foot.

Physicians went from Tazewell immediately and rendered the necessary medical attention, and he is reported as resting well to-night.

**Railroad Business Improving.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., July 15.—It is announced officially that the appropriation for the machine works for this month is $20,000 more than last month. It is also stated that business is steadily but slowly improving on the Norfolk and Western.

## OVATION TO KERN BY HIS NEIGHBORS

### Nonpartisan Reception to the Nominee Was Hearty and Spontaneous.

### MR. FAIRBANKS MAKES ADDRESS OF WELCOME

In Cordial and Graceful Terms He Extends Greetings to Democratic Candidate as Latter Did to Him Four Years Ago—Friendship Above Politics.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 15.—The nonpartisan reception given John W. Kern, the newly nominated Democratic candidate for Vice-President of the United States, held in the court-house yard to-night on the candidate's arrival home from Denver, was as hearty and generous and spontaneous as the citizens of Indianapolis, regardless of politics, could make it. Fully 5,000 persons gathered in Delaware Street and in the court-house yard, and gave Mr. Kern a hearty welcome and cheered him enthusiastically.

The candidate addressed the crowd for about twenty minutes, following his presentation by Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice-President of the United States. Four years ago Mr. Kern presented Mr. Fairbanks to a big nonpartisan gathering under similar circumstances.

The crowd which received Mr. Kern was in a cheering mood. It cheered Mrs. Kern and William Kern and John W. Kern, Jr., when they came on the stand. Republicans applauded as loudly as the Democrats.

**"When Johnny Comes Home."**

Mr. Kern arrived in the city a little after 6 o'clock to-night, and was escorted to his home by a large procession. He arrived at the court-house with Vice-President Fairbanks a few minutes after 8 o'clock.

When the carriage in which rode Mr. Kern and Vice-President Fairbanks arrived, the band started "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." This was the signal for a tumult of applause, and when the two distinguished men alighted they were greeted vociferously.

Mayor Bookwalter extended a greeting as Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Kern ascended the platform. Mr. Kern was warmly welcomed on the platform by prominent men. A few minutes later Mrs. Kern, Miss Julia Kern and the children arrived.

Mayor Bookwalter, with a few remarks, presented Vice-President Fairbanks. "We have met," the Mayor said, "to do honor to a fellow-citizen who has brought honor to all of us."

**Mr. Fairbanks Speaks.**

Vice-President Fairbanks was applauded heartily when he arose. He spoke about ten minutes, paying a fine tribute to his friend and neighbor, John W. Kern. Each reference that the Vice-President made to Kern was applauded by the big crowd. Mr. Fairbanks said:

"Mayor Bookwalter and Fellow-Citizens: The duty which you have assigned to me is a very unusual and a very agreeable one. We have gathered here, without regard to party alignment, to welcome and congratulate a fellow-citizen who has been greatly honored. We appreciate fully the fact that an honor which comes to one of our fellow-citizens is an honor to our entire citizenship. It is a gratifying fact that although our city has grown in population and industrial and commercial strength, we have not lost our neighborly spirit.

"We still have an interest in each other's welfare, and I hope that no matter how great our city may grow, we shall always continue to rejoice in each other's good fortune.

"Mr. Kern, I shall always remember with sincere appreciation the generous and hearty welcome extended to me four years ago. It is particularly gratifying now to me to be able to perform a similar office for you.

"The honor which the Denver convention bestowed upon you is one of the two greatest which can be conferred upon an American citizen by his political associates. Honor came to you in a manner to enhance it. It came through the unanimous judgment of a great convention.

"While we owe allegiance to different political parties our differences have never disturbed our friendships or marred our personal relations. I admire you as a friend, neighbor and fellow-citizen, and rejoice with you in the great distinction which your party has conferred upon you by nominating you for Vice-President of the United States.

"Here political partisan feeling often runs high. Our campaigns are usually waged with ardor on both sides, but we never fail to applaud our neighbor, though he differs with us, if he wins distinguished honors. We never withhold from him an expression of our neighborly appreciation.

"Your neighbors know that no matter how much men may disagree with your political views, they respect your ability as a lawyer, your eminence as an orator, your integrity as a man, your uprightness as a neighbor and your admirable life within the sacred circles of home.

"I cannot wish you success in your cause. I can, however, express the certain conviction that you will be crowned with the increased respect and personal confidence of your neighbors.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the Hon. John W. Kern."

**Applaud for Kern.**

Perhaps in all his career as a public speaker, John W. Kern never was received with more ardent applause than he was to-night. Although tired and worn from his long trip, Mr. Kern was in good voice and the crowd heard him distinctly. Mr. Kern said:

"Mr. Chairman, I am tired and somewhat travelworn to-night, and I do not know that I can make myself heard to the uttermost limits of this vast auditorium. I am sure that I can find no words which will in any measure express the emotions of my heart upon this occasion.

"It is true, as has been said, a mark of distinction has been given me by the national convention of my party, and to that convention and the men it represents I am deeply grateful; but I am more grateful to Almighty God for the friends He has given me in Indianapolis, regardless of political affiliation.

"I would be much less than a man were I not deeply touched by the manifestation of your personal friendship and confidence, which I have witnessed from the time I alighted at the station this afternoon until the present hour.

"I may be defeated at the polls


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