

THE CRANKS LETTERS.

Prendergast Wrote Regularly to Senator Stewart and Others.

Other Public Men and Their Experience with Cranks—Senator Delph's Thwarting Letters.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Patrick Eugene Prendergast was a prolific letter writer, and he took a lively interest in the recent silver debate. He not only wrote to Senator Delph, as was stated in recent telegraphic dispatches, but he sent long communications to Senator Stewart, of Nevada. Unlike most of his colleagues in the Senate, Senator Stewart puts cranks' letters aside. So he preserved Prendergast's communications, and he looked them over with some interest when the news of Mayor Harrison's assassination reached Washington. Most of them were on postal cards. They were written in pencil on a scrawling, illegible hand. The addresses on these cards, running up and down from left to right across the face of the card, was like this:

Senator Stewart of Nev. of U. S. Senate Washington

On the reverse of this card was written:

Oct. 9th 1893. My Dear Sir The attempt of the press & the bankers to stifle the popular will by using the president as a tool will have failed by the time you receive this note. The victory of the silver Senators (a peaceful one) is I think already won—Senator Delph's of Ind is said to have secured a conditional repeal of the silver laws. The rules of the Senate can be changed by the next tactics of your opponents. I think it is impossible for the Senate to repeal any law without a change in the rules will therefore I hope be prevented & vigorously & effectually opposed by yourself & honorable colleagues.

I have the honor to remain, Respy Your Humble Servant P. Eugene Jos Prendergast Ohio

Another card was dated Oct. 23, and the writing on it ran up and down and across. On this card Prendergast said:

Dear Hon Sir This talk about complicity is very disgusting to me. Cleveland is defeated & would now cover up his retreat by compromise—they cannot pass unconditional repeal of the purchase clause without a majority of 2/3. Dishonorable & infamous compromise from the reports which reach here from Washington I think it will be impossible for the Senate to repeal the purchase clause without a change in the rules. I am therefore Sir Sincerely Your Humble Servant P. E. Prendergast Ohio

On the morning of Oct. 25, four days before he shot Mayor Harrison, Prendergast became very much excited and sent a telegram to Cleveland, Ohio, for H. and the telegraph company collected for sixteen words from Senator Stewart. The telegram said:

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 25, 1893. Senator Stewart, Wash. D. C. Your opponents have attempted coup d'etat; do not yield; our side is the stronger.

E. J. PRENDERGAST.

There is a popular impression that all public men receive letters from cranks. This impression is incorrect. Quite a number of senators to whom I have spoken recently told me that they do not receive cranks' letters. John L. Mitchell, of Wisconsin, is one of these. George C. Perkins, of California, is comparatively new in the Senate and he tells me that he has not received any cranks' letters yet. Wilkinson Call, of Florida, is another senator who says that he has not received any cranks' letters. Senator Jones, of Nevada, frequently receives cranks' communications; and as he handles all of the mail that comes to him, he reads all of them. Most of his letters contain cranks' threats to assassinate him or to burn down his house.

Senator Frye received a great many cranks' communications when he was chairman of the commerce committee of the Senate than he receives now. There was one persistent cranks' who pursued him for some time for years with a proposition for the redemption of the earth by water. He sent a box by express to the committee the day it had such a suspicious look that Senator Frye, fearing a cranks' mine, sent the box to the carpenter and had him open it. Within the box were some grass and some sand—nothing more. Frye was trying to explain the meaning of this extraordinary package for several days. Then came a letter from San Francisco, signed "Missouri," in which the writer said that the writer had been experimenting with sand in the belief that it could be made fertile and that he had succeeded in his experiment. This man in the end he said, had been grown in sand. That was all that there was to this communication. Of course the committee paid no attention to it. Then came another letter from the doctor saying that he proposed to solve the home rule question and several other questions of deep import by the use of water. He did not explain exactly how this was to be accomplished. A later letter from him said:

Demonstrations of rain by art, so as to open up the deserts and in time the polar regions for settlement, turning the tide of European immigration up into the Russian Empire and opening up two-thirds of the Chinese Empire for the benefit of the United States, an independent Irish republic in alliance with and under the protection of God and the United States for a good purpose.

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DEFENDING THE FORT.

Story of Seven Brave Boys in the Border War.

"Captain" Ned and His Army of Six Boys Fighting the Allied Forces at Fort Bobolink.

For some time a large force of British and Indians under the joint leadership of General Proctor and the cruel Tecumseh had besieged Fort Meigs on the Maumee, but the gallant defense made by General Harrison had shown the allies that it was not to be taken by either assault or by stratagem.

Now that the siege had been abandoned, the allies would turn back enraged over their discomfiture, and the tomahawk and scalping knife would devastate the Maumee country.

"Proctor and Tecumseh coming," cried a boy who heard the news from the mounted messenger sent ahead to alarm the frontier. "I will run down to the fort to see if it is in trim for a siege."

The "fort" mentioned by the backwoods boy was a log cabin which had been abandoned by its original builders. The boys had strengthened the cabin from the little settlement and had a small patch of timber in front and a clearing in the rear.

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A hurried council of war between the seven boys of the settlement and the women was held. "We can't defend the scattered cabins, we may all together defend Fort Bobolink," said one of the boys, "we will tell how soon the allies will show up in this section; but if they really have abandoned the siege they are liable to be here this very night."

The settlement was so near Fort Meigs that during the siege those left at home had heard the noise of battle and all knew that it would not take the feet-footed Indians long to overrun the forests adjacent.

The council of war at once decided unanimously to go at once to Fort Bobolink, and the boys set out on their march. The bodies of the three Indians killed in the night assault were no longer in the grass; they had been removed during the darkness by their comrades.

"Look! The whole British army!" suddenly exclaimed a boy at a log-hole. "I have enough, approaching the fort with the bright light upon their equipments a large force of red coats were to be seen marching in tolerable order.

On the flanks of the white army hovered a lot of Indians, half naked and wily as foxes, and as the boys watched them they felt that Fort Bobolink was soon to fall.

"The enemy have come!" said the boy as he turned back and faced the women. "It is Tecumseh in a major-general's uniform," said Captain Ned. "One shot would rid the frontier of its greatest curse, but we will not fire now."

"Tecumseh halted before the fort and raised his hand. He was looking straight at the little cabin. "If white men will surrender, Tecumseh promises to spare their lives," said the chief.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

Wyoming Stock Shipments—Few Features Among the Bulls and Bears—General Eastern Quotations.

Fifty-one cars of live stock have been shipped from Rawlins during the past week. F. Pfeiffer shipped seven cars of sheep, M. McCarger, three cars of cattle, W. E. Tilton, four cars of cattle; Edward Bros., seven cars of sheep; Jack Creek Land and Cattle company, five cars of sheep. The L. C. Cattle company will ship sixty cars of cattle tomorrow and L. Calvert has twelve cars ordered for the 30th—Rawlins Republican.

ON WALL STREET. New York, Nov. 11. The only feature on the stock market today were Reading, New England and Chicago Gas. The rest of the list were dull and inactive, but in the main there was a tendency to advance as the shorts endeavored to cover.

Imports of specie from the port of New York the past week \$1,253,751; exports, gold, \$1,207; silver, \$47,573.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT. At New York, Nov. 11. The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve increase, \$1,253,751; loans, increase, \$62,990; specie increase, \$1,253,751; deposits, increase, \$3,327,300; circulation, decrease, \$3,690. The banks now hold \$2,828,728 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

THE METALS. Silver ..... 69 1/2 Lead ..... 2 1/2 Tin ..... 20 50

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET. New York, Nov. 11. Money on call easy at 10 1/2 per cent; prime paper, 8 1/2 per cent; sterling exchange, 4 1/2 per cent; sixty day bills, 4 1/2 per cent; 180 day demand, 4 1/2 per cent.

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TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

A Boiler Connection Blown Out in Electric Light Works.

The Escaping Steam Carries Away a Portion of the Roof—Water Precipitated on Main Street.

At 4:45 yesterday afternoon people in the business portion of the city and some who were as far away as six blocks from the central regions were startled by a tremendous report, and immediately thereafter many of the passers-by on West Temple street felt a light downpour and wondered if rain could come out of a clear sky, while many who happened to be on Main street rushed down the street and into the alley leading to the works, followed by a large crowd.

At the works it was found that a connection on the main steam piping leading from the great boilers had given way and that the escaping volume of steam had torn its way through the metal structure and was escaping through a hole in the roof of the building. The department soon had a line of hose running into the furnace and the fire underneath the boilers was extinguished in short order and the repairing of the damage begun.

At the usual time last evening the incandescent and arc lights in the business portion were working orderly, but the street lights were not turned on until midnight. One of the engineers said that the pressure at the time of the explosion was only 100 pounds, which is not unusual, and blames the accident to a defective connection.

The damage will not amount to much as no injury was done to the machinery except at the point of giving way and the torn roof can be mended without great cost. However, some of the clothing bespattered by the falling water is ruined, as soot was intermingled with the fluid and black was left everywhere the water touched. Therefore there are several ladies who are mourning in black and dresses because of the blowout.

Fortunately no one was injured. Walker House, Salt Lake city, Utah, American or European plan. Rates, \$2 and \$3 per day. BECHTOL & SANDS, Proprs, Hotel Dep't.

PERSONAL MENTION. Maurice Lyons, of Eureka, is at the Cullen. F. M. Hancke, of Idaho, is at the White. Paul Drauvay, of Grantsville, is at the Morgan. C. J. Jones, of San Francisco, is at the Walker. Ed Maxwell, H. W. Hill and Sam Christensen are residents of Provo at the Cullen. T. Butler and wife, of Detroit, are at the Knutsford. T. R. Hill and C. S. Jones, hailing from the Quaker city, are at the Knutsford. F. C. Ripke, the Kansas City commercial traveler, is at the White for a few days. J. M. Garland and C. W. Garland are men from Spokane Falls who are guests of the Walker. Alfred A. Jones and wife, of Hunter, came in last evening and are quartered at the White. D. R. Gillespie and John Gillespie, of Tooele, are on business. They are at the Stockton. W. L. Kennan, the popular and well known knight of the grip, hailing from Omaha, is at the White. George A. Sanders and wife, G. W. Sampson and George Hayes are residents of the Windy City at the Walker. George D. Allen and wife, J. P. T. Hill and M. Strauss, are residents of St. Louis visiting the city. They are at the Knutsford. J. G. Turner and wife and William T. Turner and wife of Santa Cruz, C. G. Knight, of Santa Barbara, and Joseph S. Sageser, of San Diego, are Californians at the Knutsford. School Warrants. All the outstanding warrants of the Board of Education of this city will be redeemed on presentation at Wells, Fargo & Co's bank. President Board of Education, Salt Lake City, Nov. 11, 1893. Soldier's Home Visitors. Lansing, Mich., Nov. 11.—The supreme court has handed down a decision holding that an inmate of the Soldier's home at Grand Rapids is not entitled to vote in that township. It is held, however, if an inmate takes the proper oath on election day the ballot must be received.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS. A. B. Williams of Arkansas, chairman. R. S. Robinson of Indiana. Henry C. Lett of Utah. J. A. McClelland of Illinois. G. L. Godfrey of Iowa. C. C. Richards, secretary. Charles S. Zane—Chief Justice. James A. Miner, Ogden—Associate Justice. H. W. Smith, Provo—Associate Justice. George W. Barch, Salt Lake—Associate Justice. Andrew Howat and Joseph T. Richards. Governor—Caleb W. West. Secretary—C. C. Richards. Surveyor General—E. W. Snow. Registrar United States Land Office—Byron Groo. Receiver United States Land Office—How Sherman. United States Signal Officer—George N. Salisbury.

BOSTON QUOTATIONS. Boston, Nov. 11. Atchafalpa ..... 19 1/2 Central Pacific ..... 19 1/2 Northern Pacific ..... 19 1/2 Northern Pacific preferred ..... 21 1/2 Northwestern ..... 19 1/2 Northern Pacific preferred ..... 21 1/2 St. Paul & Omaha ..... 19 1/2 St. Paul & Omaha preferred ..... 21 1/2 Union Pacific ..... 19 1/2 Western Union, ex-dividend ..... 19 1/2

CLOSING MINING STOCKS. New York, Nov. 11. Chollar ..... 35 Crown Point ..... 35 Consolidated ..... 35 Deadwood ..... 35 Gold & Curry ..... 35 Hale Norcross ..... 35 Homestake ..... 35 Mexican ..... 35 Ontario ..... 35 Ophir ..... 35 Plymouth ..... 35 Standard ..... 35 Union Consolidated ..... 35 Yellow Star ..... 35 Ironsaver ..... 35 Quicksilver ..... 35 Quicksilver preferred ..... 35

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET. HOPS—Steady; common to choice, 1923, COPPER—Not quoted. SUGAR—Common to choice, 1923, 17 1/2; December, 16 1/2; January, 15 1/2; spot, 15 1/2. SUGAR—Common to choice, 1923, 17 1/2; December, 16 1/2; January, 15 1/2; spot, 15 1/2. SUGAR—Common to choice, 1923, 17 1/2; December, 16 1/2; January, 15 1/2; spot, 15 1/2.

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