

PLEGGED TO SILVER.

Missouri Democrats Will Indorse the White Metal.

VICTORY IN A CAUCUS.

Gold Champions Defeated in the First Test of Strength.

TO-DAY THE CONVENTION OPENS

Over Five Hundred Delegates Are Instructed to Vote for a 16 to 1 Ratio.

PERTLE SPRINGS, Mo., Aug. 5.—The delegates to the Democratic State Silver Convention which convenes at this summer resort to-morrow are less than 200 registered at the only hotel in the place.

A conservative estimate places those pledged and instructed to vote for silver at a 16 to 1 ratio at nearly 545.

Among those who are already on the ground are: Governor Stone, Senator Cockrell, Hon. K. B. Bland and a few close and trusted friends.

At to-night's caucus the State Committee decided to ask the convention to double the number of members of the State Committee, thereby adding to it one member from each Congressional district.

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WILLISTON, Fla., Aug. 5.—Mrs. Lou Vandivier died here yesterday of starvation. Five weeks ago Mrs. Vandivier became possessed of the idea that her family and the community had formed a conspiracy to poison her, and she began to refuse to eat or drink.

STRUCK BY A TWISTER.

Don Cameron's St. Helena-by-the-Sea Entertains an Unwelcome Guest.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 5.—A special to the News and Courier from Beaufort, S. C., says: A destructive tornado, cutting a path about fifty yards wide, passed over a part of St. Helena Island Sunday morning about 1 o'clock.

SETTLED A FEUD.

Two Murders End a Quarrel in Mississippi.

BATON ROUGE, Miss., Aug. 5.—A tragedy occurred Saturday night at Antioch Church, about fifteen miles from here. For some time had feeling existed between Hill Picou and Albert O'Neal, of that neighborhood. It is said a young lady was the cause.

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Victims of an Unprovoked Quarrel With a Drunken Man.

THEIR ASSAILANT WOUNDED.

All Parties to the Affray Prominent in Social and Business Circles.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 5.—The most desperate and tragic duel that has taken place in the Bluegrass region since the famous fight in which Goodloe and Swope killed each other occurred in the Woodford Hotel at Versailles this afternoon, when William Newton Lane of this city shot and instantly killed James Rodenbaugh and mortally wounded the young man's father, H. C. Rodenbaugh.

The facts leading up to the difficulty show that it was the result of a drunken debauch. Lane was drunk at Lexington Saturday night, and yesterday morning, it is said, had a wordy war with a hotel clerk because the clerk would not give him another drink.

A few minutes after that hour he came downstairs and met James Rodenbaugh in the hallway. He was in a bad humor. He asked the young man the amount of his bill, and upon receiving an answer Lane began abusing Rodenbaugh, who was a cripple.

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There is great excitement in Nicholasville, and the people of Versailles are highly wrought up over what they call an unprovoked murder. It is believed that should Rodenbaugh die the slayer will be lynched.

KNIFE AGAINST PISTOL.

Harry Kelly Killed in a Duel at Frankfort, Ky.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Aug. 5.—A bloody tragedy was enacted on the streets of Frankfort late last evening, and as the result of a quarrel between Richard Suter, a brother of Hon. Leo Suter, a well-known attorney of Louisville, and Harry Kelly, a politician of this city, Kelly lies cold in death and Suter is in jail.

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OF INTEREST TO THE COAST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5.—Gustave A. Gutman was appointed Postmaster at Germantown, Cal., and Jasper N. Stuhrt at Newman, Cal.

By direction of the Secretary of War, First Lieutenant William H. Wilhelm (recently promoted) is assigned to the Fourteenth Infantry, Company E, to date from July 31, vice McGuire resigned. He will proceed to join his proper station, Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

PENSIONS FOR CALIFORNIA.

Original—James D. Minard, Angels Camp; Francis K. Smith, Fort Bidwell; William H. Wenderly, National Soldiers' Home; Edward Teiler, Bullards Bar; Andrew J. Musselwhite, Santa Rosa; Increase—Elisha H. Chadwick, Kernsville.

OREGON INCREASE.

Asa P. Lacey, Condon.

FOR PACIFIC COAST TELEGRAMS.

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THE LATE MRS. T. DE WITT TALMAGE. [Reproduced from a photograph.]

was supposed by the anxious watchers at her bedside that she would live through the day, as they had been assured that the crisis of the disease would then be passed, and that there would be a possibility of her recovery, but she began to sink rapidly and death came soon after dawn.

Mrs. Talmage's illness dated from the burning of the Tabernacle, that she had aided her husband and his devoted congregation in building. Her nervous system received such a severe shock when she was informed of the destruction of the building on May 13 of last year, that she was dazed for several hours, and all her faculties seemed paralyzed.

She returned from there late in June, and went to Europe for a little over a month. When she returned, slightly improved, she remained at home under the care of the family physician until this spring.

About three months ago she became much worse and was taken again to the sanitarium. Her decline was gradual until about two weeks ago, when she failed rapidly, and Dr. Talmage, who was lecturing out West, and her children, were summoned to be with her. Her remains will be brought to Brooklyn to-morrow morning, and the funeral will occur from the family residence on Thursday.

Mrs. Talmage was the doctor's second wife. Her maiden name was Susan Whittemore. Her father was a prosperous real estate broker and architect of Greenpoint, N. Y. Previous to his settlement in Greenpoint the family resided on East Eighth street, at that time the aristocratic part of New York City, and it was there that his daughter, Susan Curtiss Whittemore, was born. Her education was most carefully regarded, and when she was 15 the family moved to Birmingham, Conn., where she finished her training at the High School. Clara Louise Kellogg was one of her classmates. A few years later the Whittemores settled in Greenpoint, practically a portion of Brooklyn.

On May 7, 1863, Miss Whittemore was married to T. de Witt Talmage in the building where they had first met a few months before, the Greenpoint Dutch Reformed Church. The bridegroom was

brother still lives among the scenes of her early home in Greenpoint, prosperous and doing well. Two unmarried sisters live together but a few blocks from the Talmage home—as close in spirit and relations to the great preacher's family as if they were material parts of it.

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A Dynamite Bomb Sent to the New York Police Commissioner.

The Fuse Ignited When the Box Was Opened, but a Young Lady Extinguished it.

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A box addressed to Theodore Roosevelt, Central Police office, New York, came into her hands. Its peculiar appearance made her think it was not all right