

BRYAN THROUGH GERMAN EYES

Graphic Pen Picture of the Leader of the Free-Traders.

VITAL ISSUES TOUCHED.

The Nebraskan's Speeches Said to Be Entirely Devoted of Logic.

McKINLEY SURE OF ELECTION.

Sentiment From Now Until Votes Are Cast Will Grow in His Favor.

The following article, written by a well-known Democrat, was published early this month in the Nation, one of the leading periodicals of Germany, whose editor, Dr. Theodor Barth, has come to this country to watch the progress of our elections.

"I am about two months that must be decided whether William Jennings Bryan or William McKinley is to be President.

"The Populists have endorsed Mr. Bryan for the Presidency, and nominated Thomas E. Watson, a violent partisan from Georgia, as Vice-President, because they despise Arthur Sewall, the wealthy shipbuilder from Maine. Neither Watson nor Sewall can be induced to withdraw. As Bryan insists upon retaining Sewall he may lose votes of Southern Populists who decline to vote for him.

"A description of the strange product of our Western country who, by accident, came suddenly into prominence, must be of interest. Born in March, 1860, at Salem, Ill., William J. Bryan has by age become eligible. His father, a Virginia by birth, was for many years a Senator and Judge in Illinois. His means enabled the son to enjoy the advantages of a good education. At the age of 12 William was already allowed to address a meeting. The audience began by laughing at the boy orator, but soon listened to him with attention. He studied law in college and in the office of Lyman Trumbull in Chicago, famous by his trial of the thirteenth amendment to the constitution, which legalized the emancipation of slaves. Graduating in 1881, Mr. Bryan moved, in 1887, to Lincoln, Neb., where he devoted himself to politics. In 1888 he won his first election by a narrow margin, and in 1890 he became the most violent advocate of free silver coinage when he was re-elected in 1892. At the end of this term in 1894 he accepted a position as editor of the Omaha World-Herald.

"After his admission to the bar he married Mary Elizabeth Baird, a clever young woman and fellow law student, now the better lawyer of the pair. She takes deep interest in the political advancement of her husband, assists in the preparation of his speeches and makes hosts of friends by her tact and amiability, never neglecting her duties as housewife and mother. She commands universal respect.

"Bryan's apparent sincerity; his manner is simple yet earnest, so that it carries conviction. Intelligent men have remained spellbound under the influence of his silver tongue, although he seldom says a word worth hearing. Intoxicated by the exuberance of his oratorical verbiage, he has the faculty of speaking without saying anything. Coming to Chicago to claim a seat in the convention, which had been contested, silverites awarded and gave to him an opportunity of delivering that wonderful address which secured his nomination. One of its captivating phrases, 'Protection has slain thousands, the gold standard the rest of thousands,' is a fair example of his oratory.

"Traveling from Nebraska to New York he is 'notified of his nomination,' he is selected slow trains because he could speak from the platforms of their cars wherever curiosity drew a crowd. That a possible President should exhibit such a display of mountebank was a humiliating spectacle even to Western politicians. His hand became sore from shaking and his voice hoarse from speaking, so that he could hardly be heard by the thousands who came to Madison-square Garden. This theatrical performance failed, because he read his part instead of speaking it as he would be accustomed. The people who had come to listen to Demosthenes left rather than to hear an essay of a college professor. More than a third of the hall, which accommodates 10,000 spectators, was empty before he finished. Applauded for his credit were his admissions to finance were listened to in silence. Again and again he asserted that we could raise the value of an ounce of silver to \$1.25 in full of free coinage, but produced no arguments to show how it could be done. Here he was interrupted by the glittering phrases of the lecturer: 'The gold standard has been weighed and found wanting; it encourages hoarding, discourages enterprise and paralyzes the life of the nation. Hereafter it is hoarded in India and China, while it circulates freely in England and Germany. Industries flourish where people have confidence in the stability of values; they languish where confidence is wanting.

"Of medium height and pleasing manners, Bryan knows how to win the hearts of men by a musical voice and genial smile; politically a demagogue, he bears the reputation of a good Christian and honest man in private life.

"Many theories of our silverites are crude, so that it is incomprehensible how they could influence a well-balanced mind. Some claim it would be an advantage if our credit were impaired, as we would have to rely then on our own resources, and could show what he could do 'without the money changers and vamps of Lombard street.' A majority have nothing to lose; in their opinion any change could not injure, but might benefit them. To call their attention to the fact that their labor would be paid for in depreciated money will not frighten them, because they expect to get that money without working for it. The platform of the Populists favors an issue of irredeemable money which is safe and sound and is to be distributed through lawful disbursement of the Government. One of the measures openly advocated in St. Louis was a free gift to the people of the Populists which the treasury had made by coining silver into standard silver dollars. That this 'profit' called seigniorage, should be coined and turned into the treasury, had been proposed in Congress; the Populists seem to have a better view for it.

"Bryan might have been successful if under the influence of spontaneous popular enthusiasm for these vagaries the election had taken place immediately after the Populist nominations. (Since the fusion of Populists with Democrats the combined party has been called Popocratic.) The poor were then aroused against the rich, farmers against city folk, McKinley's fol-

lowers were called the 'Shylocks of Wall Street' and 'plutocrats of New England.' A woman by the name of Pennington, draped in our flag, appeared on the platform of the convention and delighted the audience by 'Kill the goldbugs, every one,' to the tune of 'Yankee Doodle!'

"Opinion has gradually changed; from day to day it becomes clearer that the movement is a skillful conspiracy between interested money-men and politicians whom they secured as the advocates. These furnish ammunition to their opponents by the very falsehoods which they continue to spread because they fail to substantiate them. Bourke Cockran, Benjamin Harrison and other able men of both parties are exposing these impostors and leave deep impressions on the public mind wherever they are heard.

"It is unfortunate that the Republicans cannot restrict their argument to the one that a higher tariff would increase wages. While this may influence some votes for McKinley, it must repel sound-minded Democrats who consider present duties high enough. They are repelled from a Republican administration and support their candidate from patriotic motives, so that it would be better if their feelings were respected and this agitation deferred until Mr. McKinley is elected.

"Aside from this faux pas every assertion is made by the Republican National and State Committees, especially in those Middle States where the brunt of the battle will have to be borne. All Eastern States will probably vote for McKinley. Of the Southern States, where Populistic doctrines preponderate, Mr. McKinley will only secure Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia, perhaps Kentucky. On account of their position silver most States on the Pacific Slope favor Mr. Bryan.

"The most important doubtful States are: Illinois.....with 24 electoral votes Indiana.....with 11 electoral votes Michigan.....with 14 electoral votes Minnesota.....with 9 electoral votes Total.....79

"The fiercest struggle will take place in Illinois, largely inhabited by many Germans. Governor Altgeld, a strong silverite, himself a German, is popular there. The following Middle States are considered safe for Mr. McKinley: Ohio, with 23 votes, as the mother of Republican Presidents; Wisconsin, with 12 votes; Iowa, with 13 votes, on account of the large German population.

"The recent stringency of money, partially due to the usual demand for moving crops, has caused a general desire to hoard, engendered by uncertainty. Mercantile and industrial interests have already suffered in consequence. As it will continue, and spread over the country, it may become a valuable object lesson to voters in a little town that Bryan may be elected can create such disturbance, what must we expect when he becomes President? Money may become abundant because there would be no longer any uncertainty, which the election of Bryan would cause a suspension of the payment of and a premium on gold. 'We do not eat soup as hot as it is cooked.' The premium could not become large because a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives would be against free coinage, but uncertainty would intensify the present stagnation and public opinion would be more ready to repudiate so that Mr. Bryan himself would be compelled to abandon his scheme.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. I remain confident Mr. McKinley will be elected and that once more manufactured money will be the motion and merchants find courage to trade. Then the present anxiety for our National honor will be forgotten like a nightmare, when the incubus of a terrible dream is removed and we see the bright autumn sun smile again at our peaceful faces.

LOUIS WENDMULLER.

PATRIOTIC YOUNG CADETS

The Ladies of St. James Parish Honor the League of the Cross.

A Flag Presentation Amid Songs, Music and Stirring Speeches.

Company E of the League of the Cross Cadets gave a grand drill and entertainment at Native Sons' Hall, Seventeenth and Valencia streets, last night. Speeches were made, songs were sung and prizes for drill were awarded. The following program was rendered:

Instrumental selection, Miss A. Faub; contralto solo, Mrs. Thomas Griffin; band selection, Thomas Bree; instrumental sextet, the Friday Evening Musical Club—the Misses and A. Devlin, M. Greenard, A. Baker, C. Baker; address, Frank Murausk; presentation of flag, Colonel John O'Byrne, on behalf of the ladies of the parish; response, Captain D. J. McCarthy; 'America' and other competitive drills, Captain George Filmer, N. G. Co. (a) for non-commissioned officers; for private presentation, medals to winners, by Colonel Thomas Ryan.

The stirring feature of the evening was young Captain D. J. McCarthy's eloquent response to Colonel O'Byrne's presentation of a beautiful flag. The young man was a surprise to his friends, and he won the applause of the audience. After the Colonel had finished a brief presentation speech the young man arose in uniform and said he felt inadequate to the task of responding. 'But we all know that emblem of the free,' he said, 'and we hope to warrant the confidence for its care that you have in us reposed.

'This is our flag and our only flag. We pledge to our undivided allegiance, and if it is assailed in some dark hour of our country's peril you may count upon the League of the Cross to furnish sober, patriotic and honest men for its defense and for the upholding of its country's honor.' There was much more said in the same strain, and the young man's friends gave him an ovation.

Gold medals were presented to Sergeant M. Crystle and Private William Fogarty. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present.

FECHTELER PROMOTED.

Goes to the Monterey After Two Years' Service as Local Hydrographer.

After a service running over two years Lieutenant Augustus F. Fechteler, head of the United States Hydrographic Office in this City, has been transferred to the coast-defense vessel Monterey, where he will assume the duties of senior watch officer.

Lieutenant Fechteler will be succeeded in office by Lieutenant Walter S. Hughes, who will arrive here on the first of the month from Washington, D. C. The retiring officer has done excellent service while in charge of the local office. On October 1 the Branch Hydrographic Office will be in charge of Chief Clerk J. T. McMillan.

Lawrence Captured at Ogden. G. W. Lawrence, an account of whose alleged shortdoings was published in THE CALL yesterday, has been arrested at Ogden. He has waived a requisition, and is expected to reach this City tomorrow. Lawrence said he had preferred to sign Bryan's pension certificate calling for a railroad ticket, as he purchased the paper from Bray. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present.

True Manhood. Rev. Mr. Birch will address a meeting for men only at St. Louis's Christian Association, Mason and Ellis streets, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. His subject will be 'True Manhood.' Young men between 16 and 35 years of age cordially invited to attend.

cup of misery to overflowing the child fell sick. 'For two months, weak and hungry, her sister's shame preying on her mind, this woman sat in court and listened, as she believed, to perjured witnesses telling infamous stories about her sister. Horror-stricken, she listened to tales of things she had never dreamed of, and saw ever before her the man whom she believed to

be the cause of all her shame and woe. One day she sat in court all day and then she returned to her unhappy home, only to find her charge, the baby, so ill that its life was in danger. She sat up with it all night and in the morning returned to court, only to see her sister on the stand, bullied and threatened by Attorney Highton, who tried to make her out an infamous woman. She heard a terrible question asked that sister, and then she knew no more.

'Gentlemen, that she had a pistol we admit. We will show when and where she got it; but she never knew she used it until the morning after the shot was fired, when she awoke in the City Prison. When informed of what she had done she showed no emotion, made no answer, and a moment after her voice was heard singing 'Nearer, My God, to Thee.'

'Such was her condition. We shall prove it, and we will then ask you to render a verdict of acquittal.'

During General Friedrichs' address the defendant sat calm and apparently uninterested, while her sister, Lillian Ashley, bowed her head on her hands and wept. Attorneys H. E. Highton, James L. Crittenden and A. T. Barnett, Dr. M. L. Burch and the two Deputy Sheriffs who took Emma Ashley to the City Prison testified during the day, and the case went over until 10 o'clock on Monday.

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EMMA ASHLEY'S STATE OF MIND

Her Counsel Claims She Is Mentally Incompetent.

ADDRESS TO THE JURY.

Life Story of the Young Woman Who Tried to Kill E. J. Baldwin.

A SAD DRAMA IN REAL LIFE.

She Left Her Fiance to Come to the Aid of Her Suffering, Sinking Sister.

The story of Emma Ashley's attempt to kill E. J. Baldwin was told and retold in Judge Bahr's court yesterday. Henry E. Highton related the tale from the standpoint of the prosecution, while James L. Crittenden and A. T. Barnett told how the deed was attempted, as seen by friends of the defense. In no way did any one of the relations differ materially from the stories published at the time and already told on the witness-stand on Thursday.

If the case were to go to the jury to-day there is little doubt that the defendant would be acquitted, and as the prosecution has closed, leaving the field to the defense, it would seem doubly sure that 'not guilty' will finally be the verdict.

The principal event yesterday was General Friedrichs' opening address in behalf of the defense. He began by telling the prisoner's simple life-story and finished by asking for her acquittal.

'Twenty-two years ago,' said he, 'Emma Ashley was born in a little town in Vermont. Her family is an old one, and she can trace her lineage through a period of 300 years. Her great-grandfather fought for American independence in the Revolutionary War, and her more recent ancestors have been always prominent in New England affairs, and well-thought-of, law-abiding citizens.

'Emma Ashley's father died when she was but 10 years of age, leaving his family in straitened circumstances. Her mother raised the children and brought them up in the Christian church, which the prisoner joined when 16 years of age, and to which she has ever since belonged. After her mother's death she went to work and earned her own living in her native town, until she was informed of her sister Lillian's illness in Boston. She at once hastened to her side, and has since clung to her through all.

'Lillian Ashley subsequently came to California and entered into relations with E. J. Baldwin, which culminated in the suit for seduction. Miss Ashley heard of her sister's straitened circumstances in the East in order to help her. The shame of the situation preyed upon her to such an extent that I am sure it permanently affected her mind.

'She had left the man of her choice, to whom she was engaged to be married, to come to her sister. Is it any wonder—coming from her rural home, simple, guileless, believing in the honesty of mankind; engaged to be married to a man as honest as herself, she finds her beloved sister the victim of a professional seducer, a man who has before been the target of a girl he had betrayed—is it any wonder, I say, that her mind was affected?

'Then came the trial in this City and the journey here to attend it. The sisters were pitifully poor; so poor, indeed, that they lived in one room and denied themselves the necessities of life in order that the child might have food. To fill their

Among the arrivals here yesterday were W. E. Flagg, T. B. Bowers and G. W. Gibson, of Tulare, who were members of the famous Duce party who went to Cooks Inlet, Alaska, in the Albion last April to mine for gold.

They had no gold except \$5 or \$6 worth apiece, which they had bought. But figuring the total cost of this gold they estimated that it cost them \$300 each. Still none of them are dissatisfied. They saw a vast expanse of country, and traveled in all about 5000 miles. Mr. Flagg said:

'It is not much of a place to mine up here. We were at Turnagain Arm on Six Mile Creek. There has been a little quartz struck there, but generally speaking it is placer mining. We were all prospecting for placers.

'There is only a little gold. We found placers and we could not get 2 cents a pan from them, and finally they ran out entirely. Six of us worked twenty days, made sluice boxes, dug and cleaned up and all we got was \$125. It had cost us \$300 each. That section is a complete lake.

'About three or four properties are paying from \$5 to \$50 a day to the man. Outside of these there isn't anything.'

Mr. Bowers thought somewhat differently in that he believed the country would yet develop a lot of big mines. He praised the country otherwise and said it was as good in many respects as Montana.

'The principal town where we stopped,' he said, 'was Sunrise City. There were from 1500 to 2000 people about there this summer. At an election 270 votes were cast. There are four stores in the place and a great many cabins of various designs, built by the miners.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

THE INSURANCE COMPACT

Some Concessions Were Made to Messrs. Mullin and Belden.

A Report That Captain Magill Has Now Kicked Over the Traces.

One story goes in circles of fire insurance that work under the new compact was begun Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. Yesterday underwriters were perplexed by the rumor that Captain Magill of the Home and Phoenix had kicked over the traces and was out in the open field defying the compact. It is said that Magill was satisfied Wednesday evening, but that Mr. Mullins of the Commercial Union and Mr. Belden of the Hartford were not satisfied with the 'non-intercourse' provision of the compact. They wanted it double-riveted, copper-fastened and airtight, and so the promoters of the agreement made it closer to conciliate them. This concession, it is rumored, was made without Captain Magill's consent or knowledge, and when he heard of it he decided to withhold his approval of the compact.

Charles D. Haven of the Liverpool, London and Globe declined to discuss compact affairs yesterday. He said in a general way that there was absolutely nothing new, and indicated plainly that the fluency of newspaper comment was the chief obstacle in the way of successful negotiation. He was kind enough to say that the press would be informed when the negotiations were closed.

During the past eighteen months a vast deal of insurance, extending over periods of three and five years has been effected at the reduced rates. The owner of a residence in Oakland said he had been insured his dwelling for three years for the sum that he had formerly paid for one year's insurance.

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FROM TURNAGAIN ARM

The Miners Who Sailed in the Albion Reach Here With No Gold.

Odd Phases of Life In and About the New Placer Camp of Sunrise City.

Among the arrivals here yesterday were W. E. Flagg, T. B. Bowers and G. W. Gibson, of Tulare, who were members of the famous Duce party who went to Cooks Inlet, Alaska, in the Albion last April to mine for gold.

They had no gold except \$5 or \$6 worth apiece, which they had bought. But figuring the total cost of this gold they estimated that it cost them \$300 each. Still none of them are dissatisfied. They saw a vast expanse of country, and traveled in all about 5000 miles. Mr. Flagg said:

'It is not much of a place to mine up here. We were at Turnagain Arm on Six Mile Creek. There has been a little quartz struck there, but generally speaking it is placer mining. We were all prospecting for placers.

'There is only a little gold. We found placers and we could not get 2 cents a pan from them, and finally they ran out entirely. Six of us worked twenty days, made sluice boxes, dug and cleaned up and all we got was \$125. It had cost us \$300 each. That section is a complete lake.

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