

DEMOCRATS CAN'T AVOID CONGRESS

Struggle for Minority Leadership.

TO CONTEST BAILEY'S POLICY

THEN WILL COME THE DISCARDING OF SILVER ISSUE.

Bourbons in the House Realize That Desperate Steps Must Be Taken to Reunite Their Old Party.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

Call Office, Riggs House, Washington, Nov. 12. Democrats are now willing to concede the next House to the Republicans. There will be no speakership fight for them now and they have some hope that in the absence of responsibility for legislation they may be able to avoid an open display of their differences.

Efforts are now being made to insure a contest of Bailey's leadership in caucus, with a view of directing the party into a different line of policy from that which Mr. Bailey advocates.

The question of foreign policy and influence of the Eastern element in the Democracy will play an important part, and it is likely that differences of opinion which exist will be displayed almost as prominently as if the party were in possession of responsibility.

A struggle to influence the course of Democracy in the future is already foreshadowed, and it appears very probable that there will be a very decided shaking up in the party between now and 1899.

The radical silver men are going to be attacked on two sides. First, by the Eastern element, which will be very strongly represented in the minority in Congress, who will contend that the Democratic hopes based on free silver in the West have been blighted by the result of the election, and that the only way to save the party is to give prominence to issues growing out of the war with Spain and the adoption by the administration of a policy of expansion.

A good many Democrats believe that an immense amount of political capital can be made during the next two years out of the course of the administration in dealing with Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

They recognize that the problems confronting the administration in this matter are very difficult, and that no matter how wisely they are dealt with the President can not escape criticism from some quarter nor avoid some embarrassment which might be turned to political advantage by an opposing party.

It is tempting a prospect that some who would not wilfully advocate the abandonment of the free silver issue are devoting much more time to its consideration than they are to the Chicago platform issue.

By some it is felt to be almost inevitable that the settlement of our colonial policy being the uppermost question of consideration before Congress, and that the party will be divided on it and issues will grow out of the discussion which cannot fail to take a prominent position in the political arena of the next two years, and which will serve to assist in an effort which will be made within the Democratic party to have the money question relegated to the secondary position.

STRIKE OF VIRDEN MINERS AT AN END

Settlement is Effected and the Shafts Soon Will Be in Operation.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., Nov. 12.—The differences between the Chicago-Virden Coal Company and Auburn and the striking miners have been settled, and the work will soon be in operation. The company managers agreed to pay the State scale of 40 cents per ton, but did not want to tear down the stockpile. Finally they accepted the offer of the miners to take it down and charge the company for the labor.

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HEAVENS ILLUMINED BY FALLING METEORS

Many Observations of the Phenomenon Obtained at the Lick Observatory.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 12.—Great meteoric showers, which occur every thirty-three years, are now visible between the hours 8 a. m. and 11 p. m. This morning the display occurred and there will be others to-morrow and Monday mornings. Sunday's display will be the brightest. These showers are due each November, but it is only once in a century that they are so unusual.

Many observations were made at Lick Observatory this morning, but it is yet too soon to know the results. Astronomers at Mount Hamilton report a fine view of falling meteors and great preparations for taking notes of to-morrow morning's showers.

SICKNESS DECREASING.

Colorados at Manila Receiving Improved Rations.

DENVER, Nov. 12.—Governor Adams to-day received the following cablegram from Brigadier General Hale, from whom he had requested information as to the condition of the Colorado volunteers at Manila.

MANILA, Nov. 11.—Governor Alva Adams, Denver, sickness moderate; food increasing; nothing dangerous; Colorado rations improved. HALE.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1017-1023 Mission.

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT TAKE A HAND NOW

Not Ready to Interfere in Race War.

TOLBERT CAN'T BE AIDED

NOT WOUNDED WHILE IN DISCHARGE OF OFFICIAL DUTY.

An Investigation of the Troubles in South Carolina Shows Federal Troops Are Not Needed at Present.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Except in the unlooked-for event of a recurrence of the race riots in South Carolina it is altogether improbable that the Government will interfere by force or otherwise. The Attorney General had another conference with the President this morning in regard to the matter and the conclusion was promptly reached that, as the demonstrators were not directed against the Collector of Customs in the performance of his duties as such, the Government had no authority under the constitution or laws to exercise its Federal authority. Collector Tolbert was shot while away from his home and on business entirely disconnected from that of his office, and under these circumstances the Government, it is said, has not a shadow of right to interfere.

If the Collector had been shot in the discharge of his official duties and in the States, the duty of the Government would have been clear. In the present case, it is said, however, that the lawless acts of the mob were not directed against the execution of the laws of the United States, but against the individual.

The case would have been the same had Tolbert been shot on the highway by a robber. Administration officials have no sympathy with the Carolina rioters and regard their acts with abhorrence, but up to this time, it is said, there is no evidence that would warrant any interference by the Government. The Attorney General last night sent the following telegram to the Assistant United States Attorney at Anderson, near Phoenix, S. C.:

Department of Justice, Washington, Nov. 11.—Ernest P. Cochran, Assistant United States Attorney, Anderson, S. C.: You will at once take energetic steps, incurring the necessary expense, to ascertain the exact situation in Greenwood and adjoining counties and report the same immediately to this office. Advise me whether any condition of insurrection or disturbance exists, such as would justify the Federal authorities in interfering to suppress it.

JOHN W. GRIGGS, Attorney General.

To this the following response has been received: ANDERSON, S. C., Nov. 11.—The Attorney General, Washington, D. C.: My information is that there was much rioting on Tuesday and Wednesday. Several negroes were killed and wounded. One white man was killed and wounded. On Thursday there was also some rioting, but the conditions were quiet. My information is that it is quiet there now, with a view of the community is very much excited. From all the information I have received, it seems the mobs were especially anxious to get at the Tolberts, and that it is quiet there now, with a view of the community is very much excited.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 12.—A special to the Journal from Phoenix City reports everything quiet there to-day. It has been decided not to take the Tolberts back, and consequently no further trouble is anticipated. The negroes will be held tomorrow.

BUSINESS BLOCKS AND RESIDENCES BURNED

Canyon City, Or., Visited by a Hundred Thousand Dollar Conflagration.

BAKER CITY, Or., Nov. 12.—Fire was discovered in the Elkhorn Hotel at Canyon City, Grant County, at 11 o'clock last night, and within two hours the city business portion and a number of residences were reduced to ashes. The fire department was unable to successfully combat the flames owing to a lack of water. The buildings were mostly frame and the fire made rapid progress. The conflagration was not extinguished until 1 a. m. The loss will exceed \$100,000. The insurance is not obtainable.

A. Hinch, general merchandise; G. D. Overholt, general merchandise; Cunningham & Horsley, general merchandise; Brown & Simpson, general merchandise; J. Stevens, notions, etc.; Thompson & Co., drugs; Dr. J. W. Ashford, drugs and saloon; Clark & Guernsey, Red Front saloon; News printing office; Mrs. J. W. Ashford, millinery; Mrs. James Robinson, millinery; F. C. Sells, old court house, used as a lodging house; A. Hinch, shoe shop; Elkhorn Hotel; City Hotel; two blacksmith shops; two livery stables; harness shop; tin stores; residences of W. H. Shover, J. Overholt, H. Clark, F. C. Sells, A. Hinch, D. I. Asbury, Thornton Williams, Mrs. James Robinson and Mrs. John Smith.

In August, 1870, Canyon City was entirely destroyed by fire.

Workman Badly Scalded.

SANTA CRUZ, Nov. 12.—Warren King was badly scalded to-day by falling into a vat at the paper mills at Soquel.

THE WORK OF THE CALL APPRECIATED.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MERCED COUNTY.

J. W. KNOX, Chairman.

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Yours, very respectfully,

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SLAYS HIS WIFE, HER MOTHER, THEN HIMSELF

Suicide of an El Dorado County Resident Follows the Commission of Two Murders.

PLACERVILLE, Nov. 12.—Shingle Mills, a small settlement in this county, was the scene of a triple tragedy this evening. "Jack" Nickle shot and killed both his wife and his mother-in-law with a Winchester rifle. Afterward he removed the shoe from his right foot and with his toes discharged the rifle at his own breast, killing himself almost instantly.

The exact cause of the tragedy is not known here, but it is supposed that Nickle was not in his right mind. There had been some differences between Nickle and his wife, and he probably came to the conclusion that Mrs. Nickle's mother was fomenting the discord and resolved to slay them both. The assassin and suicide was a young man.

ALL EUROPE IS WATCHING UNCLE SAM

Entry of Arena of Eastern Colonization.

CAUSES MUCH ATTENTION

EXPANSION IDEA MEETS THE APPROVAL OF ENGLAND.

Words of Premier Salisbury Have Thrown Continental Chancelleries Into a State of Stupefaction.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—During the past week the United States has occupied the attention of Europe to a greater degree than at any time since the battles of Santiago. The entry of the American republic into the arena of Eastern colonization has attracted widespread and varied attention, and never before have the phases and issues of an American election been so generally and eagerly canvassed and so intelligently commented on.

The supposed expansion of the so-called expansion idea by the electors of the United States has commanded a chorus of approval in Great Britain, while the journalistic spokesmen in France, Russia and Germany exhibit an equal unanimity of disapproval. On the heels of the election, the Marquis of Salisbury threw the chancelleries of Europe a portentously ambiguous phrase which they have not yet succeeded in satisfactorily dissecting. Then came Emperor William's change of course toward the Spanish shores, which Europeans, ever quick to discover political portents in the movement of royalty, are construed as an exhibition of pro-Spanish sympathy.

The Marquis of Salisbury remains so loyal a devotee to the old style of diplomacy, which employs words to confuse meanings, that his deliverances frequently inspire as many discordant interpretations as there are interpreters. "But there are no proofs whatever in support of any construction of his latest declaration implying a waning of friendliness to the United States. On the contrary, all signs point to a unanimous welcome of the United States' entrance upon the role of a Philippine landlord from the English Government and people, though it is accompanied by the assumption which the London Times emphasizes that "our unity of interests in that quarter of the globe depends upon maintenance of the policy of the open door."

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TRAIN-WRECKER'S FATE.

Hugh C. Griffin of Sonoma County Goes to Prison for Life.

SANTA ROSA, Nov. 12.—The case of Hugh C. Griffin, the train wrecker, went to the jury in Judge Burnett's court this morning. After a short deliberation the jury returned a verdict of guilty, fixing the penalty at life imprisonment.

Griffin is 39 years old and the son of prominent people of Sonoma County. In order to spite the conductor of the local Southern Pacific train he took a rock, broke open the lock of the switch at Geiston Station, near Santa Rosa, and derailed a train. The engine and coaches were thrown from the track. There were twenty-five passengers on the train and their escape from death was miraculous.

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LOVE DISPLACES THOUGHT OF GAIN

Bride-Elect Renounces a Fortune.

SIGNS A QUEER CONTRACT

WILL NOT INHERIT HER FUS-BAND'S ESTATE.

Agreement Entered Into by Mrs. Adele Muller of Santa Barbara and a Chicago Man Before Wedding.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—For the privilege of marrying Charles Witte and \$1000 cash in hand Mrs. Adele Muller of Santa Barbara, Cal., renounces all claims to dower in the estate, real or personal, of Mr. Witte. A document to this effect was filed in the office of the Recorder of Cook County and Mr. Witte is now at Santa Barbara to marry the woman of his choice and enjoy a honeymoon free from all apprehension that his second matrimonial venture may result in financial loss to his children by his first wife.

Charles Witte is a wholesale fish dealer at 58 North Canal street and resides at 584 Milwaukee avenue. He has prospered in his business and owns much valuable real estate as well as bonds and stocks. He is reputed to be worth over \$100,000. He is a widower of 64 and the father of two sons and three daughters.

Some time ago Mr. Witte fell in love with Mrs. Adele Muller and desired to make her the second Mrs. Witte. Having ideas of his own regarding justice Mr. Witte did not want to imperil the financial future of his children by a second marriage and in the course of wooing he injected the stipulation that his property was not to be involved in a second alliance so far as his wife was concerned.

Mrs. Muller's action evidently was above all sordid considerations and a contract was drawn and duly placed on the real estate records of Cook County. It is said that Mrs. Muller is the possessor of a large estate, so her renunciation of a dower right in Mr. Witte's estate will not leave her destitute in the event of Mr. Witte's death.

MAN-HATING HEIRESS IN NORTHERN WILDS

Peculiar Character Found by a San Franciscan in the Omineca Country.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 12.—Thomas R. More of San Francisco, promoter of the St. Anthony Mining Company of California, returned from a five months' trip through the wilds of the northern gold districts known as Omineca. He purchased for his company, which is composed of San Francisco capitalists, miles of placer ground, and costly hydraulic machinery will soon be sent in to work it.

Mr. More had some interesting experiences in his search for Omineca. He says the most peculiar character he met was a half-breed named Bessie, the only child of a Scotchman, who twenty-two years ago married a native. She is heir to her father's wealth, \$50,000, and has never seen a white woman. Hundreds of miles from civilization, she has been brought up as a man-eater, and possessing many personal attractions, besides wealth, is eager to know the white man. She has learned to read and write and is an expert huntress. When her father, who followed in his daughter's footsteps, she was left out of civilization. Her peculiar life, beliefs and career, among half-savage white men, would, more says, make a fascinating volume.

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HOMES BOARDED TO SAN QUENTIN

State Board Rights a Wrong.

SHAMELESS OFFICIALS' ACT

DISAPPEARANCE OF THREE BOYS EXPLAINED.

Sons of Prominent Families Languish in State's Prison Because They Made Use of a Found Horse.

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SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Nov. 12.—When the State Board of Prison Directors went into session a session today it was to consider a case which, in the language of one of the Directors, "forms one of the most inhuman outrages ever recorded in the criminal annals of California." In the opinion of the board the District Attorney and the Sheriff of San Luis Obispo County are responsible for three boys of good character being railroaded into the penitentiary, where they have been for three months without their parents having the least knowledge of their whereabouts. As told by a Director the facts are as follows:

Three months ago Earl Pouseley, only 16 years old and the son of wealthy parents living in Kern County, started for the coast on a camping trip in company with two other boys. Near San Luis Obispo their wagon broke down and their goods were packed upon the backs of their horses and an old horse they found that had evidently been turned out to die.

The boys were arrested, and when brought before the District Attorney by that official and the Sheriff that they had been guilty of horse-stealing, and would get a light sentence if they pleaded guilty. The frightened boys had their preliminary examination, pleaded guilty according to advice, and were sent to San Quentin for one year by the Judge then on the bench, the county Judge being absent on a vacation.

For three months they have languished in San Quentin. Their parents could learn nothing of them, and were almost frantic with anxiety when the arresting constable happened to learn the facts and wrote to Warden Hale. The constable declared the whole proceeding the most brutal he had ever heard of, and said the boys had done only what hundreds of others had done. The horse he believed to be worth about \$1, and he expected that the lads would simply be reimprisoned.

A letter was sent to the District Attorney by the Kern County boys who reported the boys were of exceptionally good families and enjoyed excellent reputations. The board unanimously adopted a resolution asking the Governor to pardon the boys immediately.

"This is the most flagrant case I ever heard of," said the Director in question. "Five or six times men have been railroaded into the State Prison at San Luis Obispo County, but the idea of sending boys here for taking an old abandoned horse to assist them in carrying goods a few miles, and even failing to know where the horse's whereabouts, is something awful. The Grand Jury of San Luis Obispo County owes the public the duty of indicting these officials at once."

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Mexican law providing that crimes committed in foreign territory by a foreigner against a Mexican can be punished in Mexico when certain conditions exist. Consul Darnell demanded of the Mexican authorities the release of Temple, but was refused. He then wired to the State Department to take immediate action, and was sent to San Quentin for one year by the Judge then on the bench, the county Judge being absent on a vacation.

Temple is not released serious trouble will follow and will undoubtedly lead to international complications.

SECURITY OF THE COURT OF CASSATION

Hearing of the Dreyfus Appeal Behind Closed Doors Deprives Parisians of the News.

PARIS, Nov. 12.—With the Court of Cassation sitting on the Dreyfus affair behind closed doors, Paris is deprived to a large extent of the principal element of news which the people have been accustomed to for so long a time. One of the members of the court is said to have declared that he had taken an oath on the heads of his ancestors

Excursion on the Sacramento.

WOODLAND, Nov. 12.—On Saturday next an excursion will leave Sacramento at 8 a. m. and a trip will be made on the river from the overflow weir above Elkhorn branch to the Jetty work at Newtown shoals. The purpose of the excursion is to enable those who are interested to inspect the easement, the levees from the mouth of Feather River to Sacramento, the reversion work at Chicoy Arm and the new project at Newtown shoals. There is no question that these works and the cutoffs in the San Joaquin River will be the most important improvements made upon these two rivers in the last twenty years.

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