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MR. BRYAN ON PRESIDENT HARPER.

A few days since a young lady residing in the rural districts of the state of Illinois wrote to President Harper of the University of Chicago that she contemplated entering that institute of learning, suggested the day on which she would arrive in the great city and politely asked the distinguished pedagogue to meet her at the train. Instead, President Harper became insulted at the request and gave out the young lady's letter to a lot of sensational newspaper reporters of the town who used it in the columns of their papers. Anent this discourteous action on the part of the autocratic Dr. Harper we desire to indorse every word of the appended article from the pen of William J. Bryan:

"A young woman living in an interior town in Illinois wrote recently to President Harper of the University of Chicago informing him that she intended to attend that school and would arrive on a certain day, and asking the good doctor to meet her at the depot.

"Evidently Dr. Harper regarded this request in the nature of *lese majeste*, for it appears that he gave this letter to the newspapers, and these disseminators of fact and fiction have made a vast amount of noise concerning this simple request.

"It would seem that President Harper was greatly shocked because this prospective student asked so eminent a man to meet her at the depot and assist her in reaching the college. All of the Chicago papers of September 12 devoted considerable space to the publication of this girl's letter. To be sure, the girl's name is not given, but it will unquestionably be humiliating to her to have her very simple request posted so conspicuously before the world.

"If this Illinois girl was guilty of a great offense in making such a request, it would seem that so eminent a man as the president of the University of Chicago could afford to overlook the enormous wrong; at least he need not have offered a rebuke in the form of publication.

"It would have been vastly more to Dr. Harper's credit had he simply detailed one of the subordinates, with whom he is plentifully supplied, to comply with this girl's request, or if that was not possible he might have so notified his correspondent.

"It is not strange that a young girl from an interior town, intending to visit a strange city of Chicago's size, should desire to avoid any of the inconveniences or embarrassments frequently attending a young girl's first visit to a great town. It is strange, however, that the president of a college would seek to humiliate a prospective student, or, for that matter, seek to humiliate any other person who happened to make of him a very simple request, by giving publicity to the simplicity and making sport of her ignorance of the importance of a great and eminent man like the president of Mr. Rockefeller's university."

WAK HISTORY SERIES.

A scrap-book of inestimable value has been placed in the hands of the INTELLIGENCER and with this week's issue we begin the publication of a series of civil war incidents taken therefrom. This book is especially rich in civil war lore and the series of incidents and stories that will appear in the INTELLIGENCER throughout the winter will be found exceedingly interesting. This war history will, of course, be disconnected, but that fact will render it none the less entertaining.

We begin this week with the proclamation of Gov. Claiborne Jackson, which will be found as a center piece on the first page. The proclamation is word for word as it was issued by Missouri's governor during the troublous war times of the 60s.

If you are desirous of arranging a scrap-book that will be of great value to the future generations of your family cut each of these items from the INTELLIGENCER as they appear from week to week and paste them in. You will never have a better opportunity to secure information that it would be almost impossible for you to get otherwise.

Mrs. McKinley has recovered sufficiently for Dr. Rixey to leave Canton and return to Washington.

YELLOW JOURNALISM.

Since the assassination of President McKinley a newspaper war has been waged on what is termed "yellow journalism," but just what that term means has not as yet been specifically defined. The supposition is that reference is made to that class of newspapers that thrive on sensation and speak without regard to that truth which should characterize all newspaper utterances. Premising that such is the case the abuse of "yellow journalism" comes in poor grace from some newspapers in Missouri that should hesitate to throw stones on the theory that it might endanger the glass structures in which they live. In the same issue of one of these sheets that contained a well written editorial denunciatory of "yellow journalism" was published a paragraph making the charge that William J. Bryan and those who followed him in the notable campaigns of 1896 and 1900 were *particeps criminis* with Czolgosz in the murder of President McKinley because, forsooth, they had seen proper to disagree with the policies of the president and his party on matters of grave public import. These over righteous scribblers of falsehood who can see the mote in the eye of others but cannot discern the beam in their own are not in position to impress their opinions on an intelligent people, for their inconsistency, if nothing else, discredits them. The man who speaks truth only when it subserves his own interests and on the other hand lies just as glibly to carry his point, has little weight in the community in which he lives.

"Yellow journalism," as defined above, is much broader in the sense of its existence than is generally thought and many newspaper writers are afflicted with the malady and know nothing of it. They have perverted truth and dealt in fancy so long that they have come to consider this method of journalism in keeping not only with social but with moral law.

CRIMINAL COSTS.

For years past the matter of criminal costs in Missouri has been one of serious concern on the part of the state legislature and of great moment to those who bear the burdens of taxation. The trial of great murder cases in Missouri have resulted in piling up thousands of dollars in costs for the people to pay, and so it is with lesser crimes. Much of this trouble is occasioned by dilatory tactics among lawyers who have clients charged with crime, and yet the laws and not the lawyers must be blamed. Continuances are secured in these cases, changes of venue are taken and so on and so on world without end, and each and every move adds costs. If the accused be a man of means it becomes almost impossible to get him to trial until important witnesses shall have either died or moved away, crippling the state to that extent that conviction becomes almost an impossibility; in the meantime the people pay the bills. All men charged with crime should have reasonable time in which to prepare for trial, but no further concession should be made to the rich than to the poor and speedy justice should be meted out to all violators of the law.

Cooper county covered itself all over with glory last week in dealing with criminals. Two men entered Booneville, committed a burglary, were tried, convicted and sent to the penitentiary all within twenty-four hours. If other counties would follow this example thousands of dollars in costs would be saved to the people every year. And, furthermore, a great deal less of mob law would be heard.

THE REPUBLICAN PRESS AND ANARCHY.

The great hue and cry raised by the republican press following the assassination of President McKinley to the effect that the horrible deed had, to a great extent, been brought about by public speech and newspaper comment by those who opposed Mr. McKinley and his governmental policies is fresh in the minds of the American people and it is interesting to look back and note the silent demeanor of these same newspapers when William Goebel, governor of Kentucky, was shot down by an assassin hidden within the walls of the statehouse at Frankfort as a result of the most damnable conspiracy ever hatched on American soil. There was not a single chirp on the part of these self-righteous republican organs at that time about "yellow journalism." Instead, excuses were sought out for the horrible crime by dragging out the record of Mr. Goebel and finding many things in it to condemn. While no public defense of the conspirators was made by the organs of centralized power there was a virtual endorsement through the avenue

of harsh criticism of these public acts of the dead man. Further, when Taylor, governor of Kentucky through force of arms, was indicted as one of the conspirators who resided Goebel of life and the state of its legally elected governor, he fled into another state where he has since been under the protection of the republican governor of Indiana, regardless of the fact that he stands charged with the most serious crime known to the calendar of evil deeds. And yet these republican calumniators charge democracy with being akin to lawlessness—anarchism. "Great God of hosts be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget."

BRYAN, STATESMAN AND GENTLEMAN.

No man in public life in this country has ever stood the abuse that has been heaped upon him and has pursued the even tenor of his way as has been the case with William J. Bryan. He meets abuse with dignified argument, frowns with smiles and hatred with manifestation of brotherly affection. His love of country is as deep as the seas and his charity for his fellow man as broad as earth's domain. His personality is one in which honesty and integrity are firmly implanted and his life is such as to make others the better for his living. He bears every mark of the perfect gentleman. Though prodded and abused daily by those who would encompass his downfall his life runs along as smoothly and as serenely as the unruffled waters of a mighty river. His perfect life and great contentment suggest the thought that there is much in life to live for when lived properly. A human structure builded upon the rock of eternal truth and justice is the noblest work of God. Such is Bryan, whose every day life marks and emphasizes his indelible belief that

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again.

The eternal years of God are hers;
But error, wounded, writhes in pain
And dies amid its worshippers."

Yes, on America's scroll of fame
future generations will read, high up
toward the top, the name of William
J. Bryan, statesman and gentleman.

COST OF PUBLIC FUNERALS.

Since the death of President McKinley discussion of the cost of presidential funerals has been renewed and of course startling figures present themselves. Congress paid the expenses attendant upon the sickness and death of President Garfield, amounting to over \$50,000, and of course the same will be done in the McKinley case. While many openly condemn what they choose to call "reckless expenditure of money," the custom is one which the country could not well afford to do away with. America is too big, too wealthy, too grand in achievement, too important among the powers of the world to be charged with penuriousness from any quarter and while tens of thousands of dollars of the public monies are expended in the funerals of our public men our people bear it with an heroic fortitude born of love of country and respect for those high in authority. True, under our laws all men are born free and equal, but there are certain amenities that must be observed on occasions such as those under discussion. Presidential funerals interest the whole nation. It is not a matter of dollars and cents. It is a manifestation of patriotic love for favored sons.

MISSOURI POLITICS.

The names of several Boone county statesmen have been used in connection with the congressional nomination next fall, among them Col. S. Turner, Jerry H. Murray and Walter Williams, all of which leads the Fulton Telegraph man to suggest: "Boys, old 'Shack' is a mighty hard man to down."

The Lee's Summit Journal is persistently advocating a primary election as the method of selecting a democratic ticket in Jackson county, and says there must be more of popular rule up there or the republicans will clean the platter at the next election. "Will the bosses take warning?" suggests that paper.

The Hon. J. J. Russell, of Mississippi county, at one time speaker of the lower house of the Missouri legislature, gives the following interview to the Charleston Enterprise:

"I am not a candidate for congress at this time. I have said and will say now that if nothing unforeseen occurs in the meantime I shall be a candidate for that honor next spring. I do not propose, however, to devote a year's time to the neglect of my law practice and spend money and energy for twelve months before the time the nomination will be made in

order to get it. I am confident that if I do enter the contest I can count upon this county, Scott, Stoddard and New Madrid, with a good show of carrying Pemisicott and Dunklin. There is some little talk of opposition to me locally, but I have no fear that I cannot carry the county. I would not enter the race until our people had declared themselves for me. I am not so ambitious for the office now as I was a few years ago, when Marsh Arnold's friends prevailed upon me to step aside and give him a show; which I did because he was older than I, and I thought I could just as well devote myself for a few more years to accumulating a little more money. But I have thought that as I was growing somewhat tired of the practice of law I would like to round out my life with a few years in congress, after which I could retire to the enjoyment of the remaining years allotted me. But as I said before, I am not really a candidate now, although I fully intend to be in due time."

The INTELLIGENCER ran across the following paragraph in a Missouri country exchange a day or two ago:

"Judge Priest's candidacy for United States senator from Missouri is announced. He is a strong, clean man."

As a matter of course Priest is a strong man. He was "strong" enough to go to Jefferson City and secure the passage of that noted street railway consolidation bill through both houses of the legislature and get it signed by the governor, giving to Missouri one of the most gigantic trusts ever established in this country.

This "strong" Judge Priest is the same fellow who resigned a place on the federal bench of the country for the reason that there was not sufficient money in the job to give his family the proper support.

Query: As the salary of a United States senator is no greater than that of a United States judge, why could Mr. Priest live upon the one and not upon the other?

The people of Missouri know Mr. Priest and appreciate the fact that he is a "strong" man.

The stories that have been circulated in various quarters to the effect that Congressman Cochran would be a candidate for governor or United States senator have had the effect of bringing out a field full of eligibles in his district, who would like to fill his seat in congress, but Colonel Cochran appears to be in no hurry about engaging actively in politics outside of the fourth congressional district.

The announcement was made a few days ago that Charles F. Booher, of Savannah, Andrew county, who has been an aspirant for several years, was a full-fledged candidate. James W. Boyd, of St. Joseph, who has made two races against Colonel Cochran for the nomination, made haste to give it out that he was not yet out of the running and that he would expect his friends to stand by him as they have in the past.

Then came the news from Rockport, Atchison county, that L. J. Miles, commonly known as "Boss" Miles, had been quietly laying pipe for some time, and that he would have to be reckoned with when the convention met. Francis Wilson, of Platte City, Platte county, has been watching for a chance to run for congress for several years, and it has been known for several months that he would probably be a candidate at the next election.

All these stories were current when Congressman Cochran returned from Washington and other eastern cities a day or two since. When questioned regarding the matter he said:

"Next year the country will be electing congressmen. I don't know of any probability of my being elected this year. If compelled to say tonight whether I will be a candidate for re-election, I should say 'yes,' but a great many things may happen between now and next summer. I am not thoroughly convinced that a campaign lasting a whole year would please any one. I may be permitted to say, however, that this is a free country, and any American citizen is privileged to run for office the year round. Meanwhile, I shall reserve the right to decide my candidacy at the proper time. No one is authorized to decide it for me, and when the proper time comes to make the announcement that I desire to retire from congress I will make the statement myself. None of the up-country candidates are called upon to make it for me."

Miss Maria Wood and Miss Annie Chamberlain spent Thursday in Kansas City.

3d BIG ANNUAL OCTOBER SALE

AT THE CASH HOUSE

HIGGINSVILLE, MISSOURI,

Dress Goods.

Our new line of fall dress goods are all in, and we think we have the nicest line we have ever shown you. An early selection may be to your advantage. We have selected many things that if we wanted to buy today we could not find on the market. We would hint to you that if you need anything in dress goods it might be well for you to select them now while you can get the new things. We are always glad to show you whether you want to buy or not. Come in and let us help you to make your selections. To buy of us means a saving to you. With this in view come early and look over our line of waist and fancy dress goods.

Our new lines of waist goods were never so pretty as they are this season. We are showing plain flannels, stripes and fancy bodies in all the new weaves. The colors are the prettiest we have ever seen.

Tricot Flannels—they come 34 inches wide, all wool, in shades of old rose, cardinal, castor, cadet and navy blue. Price per yard 12c. October Sale Price 10c.

Fancy Stripe Waistings—they come in all the new shades of blue, green, cardinal, light blue, scarlet, gray, tan, castor and black. Price per yard 15c. October Sale Price 12c and 10c.

Plain French Flannels—with fancy borders are the thing in waistings, they come one pattern of a kind in all the new shades. Price per yard 15c. October Sale Price 12c.

Albany Cheviots—extra heavy weight, 56 inches wide, yards to a pattern. Does not require lining. Beautiful color of gray, blue, oxford, mixed and black, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50.

All-Wool Honespun—40 inches wide, all the new shades. Price per yard 10c. October Sale Price per yard 8c.

Granite Cloth—all wool in the colorings of blue, cardinal and black, 56 inches wide. Price per yard 10c.

Venetian Cloth—52 inches wide, the only correct thing for your tailor made suits, the colorings are navy, castor, cardinal, green, gray and black. Price 50c, 55c, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Satin Prunella—this has been one of our favorites and we recommend them to you for durability, nice and smooth, does not shrink or draw in wearing. Colors, blue, cardinal, gray, castor and black, 42 inches wide. Price per yard 10c. October Sale Price 8c.

Peau DeSoie—42 inches wide, nice and smooth, the colorings are gray, tan, cardinal, blue and black, October Sale Price \$1.50.

Yale Cheviots—come in blue and black, all-wool, 48 inches wide. Price per yard 10c. October Sale Price 8c.

French Poplin—comes in 42 and 46 inches wide, nice smooth surface with cord effect. Price per yard 10c. October Sale Price 8c.

All-Wool Henrietta—they are as popular today as ever and we are showing a beautiful line of them, the colorings are castor, tan, gray, scarlet, cardinal, light blue, blue and black. Price 12c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 58c, 75c and \$1.00.

French Serges—still they are sought after, we always carry a full line of all the new shades. The black can't be beaten for a nice dress. Price per yard, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Black Dress Goods—you will find in our black dress goods department one of the finest lines to be found in the country there are some new weaves out this season which we will take pleasure in showing you: they are Zebelen, Dolorian, Melrose, Satin Prunella, Satin Venetian, Cheviot Crapes, French Serges and Henrietta. Price 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Our Staple Department.

One Lot of Shirting Prints, standard cloth, colors perfect. All new designs and patterns. Our price per yard 30c.

Standard Oil Red Calico, nice, new styles and designs. A perfect fabric. Price per yard 10c. Cash House Price 8c.

An extra lot of Indigo Prints, American Columbias and Simpson. The best brands made. You pay others 6c for them. Price per yard 10c. October Sale Price 8c.

One lot of Standard Dress Prints, in black and white, gray and white, red and black—in fact an entire print department. Your choice, per yard 10c.

Standard Brand, Apron Check Gingham. The best brand made. We have them in all the new designs and latest patterns. Our price, per yard 10c.

One Lot Bleached Muslin, second to none. This is a rare opportunity to get such a bargain as we quote you. You will pay others more; our price, per yard 10c. October Sale Price 8c.

Blue Ribbon Bleach Muslin—we offer you one of the old standard brands at less money than you have been paying for it. Price per yard 10c. October Sale Price 8c.

Standard L. L. Muslin, 36 inches wide, every thread perfect. A fabric worth 5c. Our Price per yard 4c.

We have a big line of Canton Flannels, and it is consuming too much space as we need it for other goods, and to make it move quickly we have cut the price. An extra good quality heavy fleece, doubled twilled, and it is worth 6c. Price per yard 10c. October Sale Price 8c.

Our line of Canton Flannels we carry in all grades, and will sell them under the regular price. Read our prices. Price per yard 10c, 6c, 8c, 10c.

Mottled Flannels—These goods are perfectly familiar to you and you know a good thing when you see it. Price per yard 10c. Sale Price, per yard 6c, 7c, 8c.

Shaker Flannels, double fleece on both sides, extra good weight, and you have been paying more money for them. Come and examine our qualities and let us keep you warm. Our price per yard 8c, 10c.

Cheviot Shirting—This is one of the strongest lines in our Shirting department, and we have some extra values to show you. It is a superior quality, nice, soft finish, fast colors, check and stripe. Worth 6c per yard. Price per yard 10c. October Sale Price 8c.

Twill Flannels—We have an elegant line of them and will sell you red medicated, all wool Flannel, extra width. Worth 25c per yard. Price per yard 10c. October Sale Price 12c.

Yours for business,

THE CASH HOUSE

See our large circular for our Big October Sale.

J. T. WILLIS, Higginsville, Mo.