

WILY THOMAS TALKS FREELY

As Usual He had Nothing to Say on the Silver Question.

The "Watch Dog" of the Treasury Will Be Liberal With the West.

He Says Montana is a Blaine State, Though Harrison Was Very Nice.

Tom Power Interviewed.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 22.—Thos. C. Power passed through this city today on his way home to Montana and was seen at the Merchants hotel by a reporter. Speaking of the death of Senator Plumb he said: "In his death the senate loses one of its ablest members, and the west one of its best friends. As a western man he seemed to take upon himself the duty of looking after the interests of western states. He was not only an able man but an indefatigable worker, and one who commanded the respect and admiration of his colleagues. The good he accomplished for the new states was wonderful. He seemed able to do more on the floor of the senate than any other man. Perhaps other might have accomplished as much but they did not always have the inclination."

"What will the present congress do with the silver question?" asked the reporter.

"That I cannot tell as yet."

"Will the tariff question take a prominent place?"

"If Mills is not placed at the head of the committee on ways and means it is hard to tell what will be done."

"Do you regard the election of Crisp as favorable to either Hill or Gorman rather than Cleveland?"

"That is a matter that those who do not know should not discuss. I am a republican, and that was a democratic affair altogether. I think it was a contest between the southeast and southwest, and the former won. Crisp appears a very fair-minded man. If there is any politics in his administration it is not local at least."

"What do you think of Holman as chairman of the appropriations committee?"

"Well, in spite of the fact that he has been called the watch-dog of the treasury he can not do worse by the west than his predecessor, who, notwithstanding the fact that the fifty-first congress, through the work of representatives, appropriated five times as much as had been appropriated before for government surveys in western states, refused to allow a proportionate increase in the appropriation for office help. As a consequence work has been retarded, field notes have not been sent in promptly, and many contractors have been ruined by the delay in getting pay."

"This has worked untold injury to the new states, especially Montana. Holman traveled throughout the west and understands the situation and I think he will be disposed to give the new states their deserts. Montana is a pre-eminently Blaine state and the strongest reason for this is that he befriended Montana when she needed friends. He was a friend to all the western territories when he was in the house and also in the senate he was especially kind to Montana. When Secretary Carl Schurz, had charge of the interior department and trouble over cutting timber came up he helped the people get their firewood. Harrison, of course, was very nice to Montana when he was in the senate, but Blaine's friendship antedates that of all others. I know of leading democrats in Montana who would subscribe to a Blaine fund because they admire the man and because he befriended that state when a friend was most needed. Blaine can surely carry the state next year. I think the best of feeling prevails between Harrison and Blaine."

Coming Sporting Events

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—After a vast amount of talk Charlie Mitchell of England and James J. Carter of California signed articles of agreement to meet in a six round glove contest in Madison Square Garden within four weeks from today. The men met in the office of a sporting paper this afternoon. Corbett opened the negotiations. The men soon found that a finish fight was out of the question as Mitchell stuck to the London Prize Ring rules. It was then agreed that there should be a scientific contest for points with ordinary sized gloves. The following articles were drawn and signed: "We, the undersigned, agree to box scientifically for six rounds, Marquis of Queensbury rules, at Madison Square Garden within seven weeks from this date." No money was posted. There will be no stake. Both men seemed agreed to make the meeting one in which to simply decide who is the more clever of the two. Among those present besides Slavin were W. C. Gilmore, Col. Harding, Arthur Lumley, Joe Early, Dave Hallock, Mike Donovan, and Sailor Brown.

The stipulation made between Slavin and Sullivan's representatives this afternoon was that the men should fight within fifteen weeks after Sullivan's theatrical contract expires, which will bring the fight about in September. It was agreed that if Peter Jackson should whip Slavin in their coming fight in London, then Sullivan would meet Slavin. Charlie Mitchell acted as spokesman for Slavin and objected to allowing so much money being tied up. Lumley offered to pay Slavin interest on the money until September. It is said Richard K. Fox will put up Slavin's forfeit next Tuesday. So far as can be learned no direct authorization has been

received by Sullivan's representatives to make the match, but Sullivan said he would meet Slavin when his engagements permitted and his backer, Charlie Johnson, has taken him at his word.

GLEASON CONFESSES.

He Tells of His Incendiary Acts—Jew Jake's Leg Amputated.

HELENA, Dec. 22.—[Special to the Tribune.]—John Gleason, the incendiary arrested at East Helena last night, made a confession to Judge Sanders today. He said he set fire to the hay stacks and a cabin on a ranch and also he burned up a lot of hay on another ranch a few days previous. Gleason made this confession to the judge after the testimony was heard at his examination.

Dr. Rockman today amputated the left leg of "Jew" Jake. Since his removal here Harris' chances were considered very slim, but the physician thinks he will now recover.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

One of the Marked Men of the United States Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Plumb was born in Delaware county, O., Oct. 12, 1837, so that he was in his fifth year at the time of his death. He was not a college graduate, but left the common schools for the printer's case, and in pursuance of his vocation as a journeyman printer, in 1855, in the bloody days of the history of the newly organized territory of Kansas, walked into that territory, and with the vigor and indefatigable energy which had throughout his life been his chief characteristic, the young man plunged at once into the thick hot political strife which was then waging over the slavery question. He at once went to the front and was chosen a member of the Leavenworth constitutional convention of 1858. He was admitted to the bar in 1861, when the place of his adoption became a state of "the union, served in the legislature in 1862, was chairman of the judiciary committee and subsequently reporter of the supreme court. When the war broke out he entered the army as second lieutenant in the 11th Kansas infantry, and served successively as captain, major and lieutenant-colonel of that regiment, and was commissioned a colonel of the same regiment in August, 1862.

After the war Mr. Plumb, returning to Kansas, was elected a member and speaker of the Kansas house of representatives, and in 1870 was chosen United States senator.

He took his seat in 1871 and has represented his state as a senator ever since that time. His term of office would have expired March 3, 1885.

The deceased senator leaves a wife and five children. Two daughters are now at Emporia with Mrs. Plumb. Two sons are at school in Pennsylvania and a third is confined in a hospital in Philadelphia by a serious ailment.

A Filibustering Party.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., Dec. 23.—It is reported from up the river that another band of so-called revolutionists were trailed and pursued by United States troops and that a number of them crossed the river into Mexico. That there was a considerable number of them is evidenced by finding thirty-one fires in one camp and the remains of six beavers that had been slaughtered for food. There are rumors of other parties at various points along the river between Fort Ringold and Laredo. It is now stated as certain that these parties above Ringold were to cross the river into Mexico and to draw the Mexican troops from Camargo and vicinity—

which gang was so gallantly attacked and routed by Capt. Burke and Lieut. Hayes with less than a fourth of their number of the men—to pillage and sack the town of Camargo. It is said Lieut. Basane, late of the Mexican army, who deserted after the murder of his brother by Gen. Garcia's orders as a suspected revolutionist, is with one of those parties. Now that war has commenced on this side of the river we feel the need of proper garrisoning on the frontier posts. Nothing can be done with the handful of men stationed at these posts. Garza openly defies the military and threatens to capture Fort Ringold to obtain supplies.

The Farmers' Alliance.

BRIMORE, N. D., Dec. 23.—The State Farmers' Alliance meeting was continued this morning with President Shortridge in the chair. Reports were received from all parts of the state favorable to the growth of the order. Arrangements were complete and stock subscribed for the establishment of a strictly Farmers' Alliance paper, to be conducted and printed by Farmers' Alliance men. The Alliance was unanimously in favor of the erection of an elevator at Duluth or West Superior for the purpose of storing their grain, then studying the markets of the world and selling it at the top notch.

R. J. Hall, ex president of the Minnesota Farmers' Alliance made a very able address on national union, as adopted by the United States Alliance. The delegates to the national convention were chosen.

Onward to the Tomb.

TOPEKA, Dec. 23.—The train bearing the remains of the late Senator Preston B. Plumb was three hours late, the delay having been caused by a hitch in Kansas City. The streets and sidewalks along the line of march to the capitol building, where the obsequies took place, were packed with people. Business houses and private residences were profusely draped in mourning and business was entirely suspended. On the arrival of the train the casket was transferred to the funeral car and escorted by four G. A. R. post and Company C. K. N. G., forming a hollow square, the procession marched toward the capitol. Arriving at the capitol the casket was conveyed to the senate chamber, which was handsomely decorated and being placed in position was viewed by thousands of people.

AFFAIRS AT WASHINGTON.

General Satisfaction Expressed at Speaker Crisp's Committee Appointments.

Silver Men Can See in it an Inclination to Give Free Coinage a Fair Show.

North Montana Indians at the National Capital—They Make Known Their Wants.

House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Speaker Crisp announced his committees today: Springer is chairman of the ways and means committee; Offarrell of Virginia heads the elections committee; Holman is chairman of appropriations; Bland, of coinage, weights and measures; Culbertson, of the judiciary; Mills, of commerce; Blanchard, of rivers and harbors; Oath-wite, of military affairs; Hatch, of agriculture; Wilson of Missouri, of pensions; Henderson, of postoffice; Melrose, of public lands; Peck, of Indian affairs; Cox, of names and numbering; Tarsney, of labor; Lamborn, of irrigation and land; Stamp, of immigration.

The northwestern members have the following positions: Johnson of North Dakota is on coinage, weights, and currency, election of president and vice president; Pickler of South Dakota, public lands, war claims, enrolled bills, irrigation; Kirtel Halverson of Minnesota, railway and canals; Jolley of South Dakota, invalid pensions; Dixon of Montana, labor and irrigation of arid lands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In his formation of committees the speaker has apparently been careful to apportion the chairmanships as nearly equal as may be among the various sections of the country, having regard, however, to the legislative experience and ability of the members, whom he has chosen to superintend and to a great extent determine the business which will come before the house of representatives. While the south secures a majority of the chairmanships the majority is so small it can easily be attributed to longer service rendered by the southern members, the great body of northern democratic representatives being new fillers of the roll of legislation. According to state the chairmanships are distributed as follows: Virginia, 2; Illinois, 2; Indiana, 3; Missouri, 4; Georgia, 3, including the committee on rules (of which the speaker is ex-officio chairman); Alabama, 3; North Carolina, 3; Arkansas, 2; Texas, 3; New York, 4; Louisiana, 2; New Jersey, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Iowa, 1; South Carolina, 2; Kentucky, 2; Tennessee, 2; Mississippi, 2; Rhode Island, 1; Wisconsin, 1; Ohio, 3; Massachusetts, 1; Michigan, 2; Connecticut, 1; Maryland, 3; Minnesota, 1.

Silver Men Pleased.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The silver men are very well pleased with the constitution of the coinage committee and regard it as significant of the speaker's purpose to afford an opportunity for the passage of a free coinage measure. Chairman Bland is a most ardent democratic advocate of silver in the house. Silver men strongly urged upon the speaker the selection of Bartine of Nevada as leader of the republican minority, on the committee because of his efforts last congress in behalf of the free coinage, and regards the fact that Bartine heads the list of republican members as another indication of the speaker's friendliness toward a liberal silver policy. One of the silver men on the committee said this afternoon that he had heard some intimations that Johnson of North Dakota was not to be classed as a free coinage man, but though without positive information on the subject, he expressed the belief that Johnson was favorable to free silver. Johnson himself could not be found.

North Montana Indians in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The delegation of six Blackfoot Indians from their reservation in northern Montana has arrived here and will tomorrow or Monday have an interview with Secretary Noble. In an informal talk with Commissioner Morgan the Indians requested the department to provide them with additional stock and farming implements. They were willing to begin farming whenever they were supplied with the necessary seed and tools. They also asked that their rations be increased. They strongly protested against parting with any more of their land.

Fire in Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 23.—The most disastrous fire in this city for years broke out early this morning and destroyed Baker & Hamilton's agricultural implement warehouse containing a valuable stock. The warehouse building belonged to Wm. B. Howard of San Francisco; insured for \$80,000 which will cover the loss as the walls are intact. The contents, valued at between \$75,000 and \$80,000, are nearly a total loss, but are fully covered by insured.

A Pottery Burned.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 23.—At 3 o'clock this morning a fire broke out at Cook & Hancock's Crescent pottery, and owing to the difficulty of getting water to the scene three out of four of the company's large buildings, together with their entire contents of finished and unfinished ware were destroyed. The loss will reach \$100,000 and is pretty fully covered by insurance. Five hundred employees will be rendered idle until the pottery is rebuilt.

Gave Him the Slip.

BUTTE, Dec. 24.—Wednesday night there was an indignant man running about Butte with several packages in his arms which contained Christmas presents. His name is Young and he had been residing with his family, consisting of a wife and two children. Several weeks ago he went to Neihart to work and returned last night with presents for the little ones. He proceeded at once to his home, and there an unpleasant surprise awaited him. The house was vacant, the furniture had disappeared, and so had the wife and babies. He did not know what to make of it, for it was, in his judgment, improbable that she should remove to any other point in the city and he had reached the conclusion that she must have deserted him, and of course taken the children with her.

Notice to Stockholders.

OFFICE OF THE MONARCH MINING CO., GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, December 16, 1891.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Monarch Mining company will be held at the office of the company, to-wit: At the office of John W. Stanton, in the Dunn block building in Great Falls, county of Cascade, state of Montana, on Saturday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1892, at 2 o'clock p. m. of that day, for the purpose of voting on the proposition then and there to be submitted.

1. To dispose of and transfer the entire property known as the British Lion Quartz Lode Mining Claim, the Concession, and the Lode Mining Claim, and the Monarch Quartz Lode Mining Claim, situate, lying, and being in the Montana mining district in the county of Mogador, state of Montana, together with all the improvements thereon, and also all other property of whatever nature or kind of and belonging to said Monarch Mining company, to a new corporation with the same capital and the same number of shares, to be organized on or before the day of said meeting, and incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Montana, with the stock assessable, said new corporation to be organized by the stockholders of the Monarch Mining company, and to be known as the Monarch Mining and Milling company, with its principal office at Great Falls, Mont.

2. Said transfer of all the property, real, personal and mixed, of said Monarch Mining company, to be made upon the consideration that the stock of such new corporation, the Monarch Mining and Milling company, shall be issued to the stockholders of the Monarch Mining company in the same number of shares and for the same amounts as are now held by them, and may be held at the time of such transfer and upon the further consideration that the Monarch Mining and Milling company assume all the liabilities and indebtedness of the Monarch Mining company existing or that may exist at the time of such transfer.

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