

HIS ADVICE NOT TAKEN.

Taubeneck's Letter Displeases the Populist Editors.

THEY BRAND HIM AS A TRAITOR.

Adopt Resolutions Saying He Is Unworthy of the Support of the Party—Editor McLellan of Topeka Accuses Him of Trying to Betray the Populists Into the Hands of a New Third Party.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 24.—The National Reform Press association met here Friday for the purpose of considering questions looking to the advancement of the principles advocated by the Populist party. About 150 delegates are in attendance. H. E. Taubeneck of Washington, chairman of the Populist party national organization, sent a letter setting forth his views as to how the party should be managed and threatening that unless these are carried out he will resign his present position.

Carl Brown is on the ground strongly advocating Jacob Coxey for the presidential nomination by the Populist party in 1896.

Brand Taubeneck as a Traitor.
The executive committee held a long session in which a heated discussion of President Taubeneck's letter was had. It was plainly the sense of the majority that Taubeneck's proposition was entirely inimical to the interests of the Populist party and the following committee was appointed to draft resolutions: F. K. Burkett, Mississippi; Harry Tracey, Texas; W. A. Hotchkiss, Minnesota; Dr. S. McLellan, Kansas; J. P. Dixon, Mo. The committee reported a set of resolutions declaring it to be the sense of the convention that anyone who would work for or suggest such divergent ideas as manifested by Taubeneck were traitors to the cause and unworthy of the party's support. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Chairman Taubeneck, in his letter, which was not made public, is said to have declared directly for free silver and to have stated it as his opinion such a position should be taken by the Populist party. Some of the leaders of the Populist party, among them Dr. S. M. McLellan, editor of the Topeka Advocate, accused Taubeneck of designs to betray the Populist party into the hands of a new third party, said to be organizing in Washington, called the silver party. Taubeneck is accused of wanting to sidetrack the other parts of the platform of the Populists and substitute a silver platform.

At the evening session, which had been set aside for a discussion of silver, that topic was deferred, and the election of officers was proceeded with. Melton Packer of the Southern Mercury, Dallas, Tex., was elected president with but little opposition. The other officers named are: W. A. Hotchkiss of the National Republican, Preston, Minn., vice president; W. S. Morgan of the Buzz Saw, Hardy, Ark., secretary and treasurer; executive committee, J. H. McDowell, Nashville; Paul J. Dixon, Chillicothe, Mo.; C. H. Matthews, Indianapolis; E. S. Peters, Calvert, Tex.; W. D. Brown, Kingman, Kan. Before the business of the convention is concluded a fight on the financial question is looked for.

National Industrial League.
KANSAS CITY, Feb. 2.—At the opening session of the National Industrial league Paul Vandervoort of Omaha, commander-in-chief of that organization, delivered his annual address, reviewing the past year. The rest of the day was taken up principally with routine work.

The following officers to serve for the next year were elected: Commander-in-chief, Paul Vandervoort, Omaha; vice commander, Frank Burkett, Mississippi; quartermaster, Milton Park, Texas; adjutant general, J. A. Edgerton, Nebraska; sentinel, W. S. Morgan, Arkansas; executive committee, George F. Nashburne, California, L. A. Roselle, Missouri, J. Walker, Colorado, J. D. Bodkin, Kansas, Thomas V. Catter, California.

LATE MINISTER GRAY'S FUNERAL.
Thousands of People View the Remains Before the Interment.

UNION CITY, Ind., Feb. 24.—The Gray funeral train arrived here at 11:30 o'clock Friday. Large crowds were at the stations along the route. At Winchester the casket was opened and the remains viewed by many people. Thousands were at the depot when the train reached here. Business is suspended and nearly all the buildings are draped. Pictures of the late minister, surrounded by crepe, are numerous. The train was met by a committee of citizens. The casket containing the remains was carried to Cadwallader's opera house and placed on a bier. At 12 o'clock two lines of people, each two squares in length, were waiting to view the body. They came in from all neighboring towns. Nine hundred school children, each carrying a flag, were standing in line. Services were held in the opera house at 3 o'clock. The Rev. H. A. McDonald of the Presbyterian church delivered the funeral sermon. Throughout the day the services were solemnly impressive. Immediately after interment the special train carrying Mrs. Gray and the relatives left for Indianapolis.

Six People Burned to Death.
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 24.—Four and a half blocks of the residence and business portion of the city on Onachita avenue were burned Friday morning. As far as known there have been six persons burned to death, but rumors are rife of others missing and the number of fatalities may be increased to a score when the death roll is called.

Passed a Fraudulent Check.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—Fred Young, a former business man of Minneapolis whom rumor connects with the Ging murder case, was arrested here, charged with passing a fraudulent check on his landlady, Mrs. McNeveins.

CHOLLY AGITATED.
He Thinks the Time Has Come For His Crowd to Organize Against Foreigners.
Bravo, little count! Milles felicitations on your pluck and perseverance! It isn't every young Frenchman who can come to America to complete his education and pick up a girl like Anna Gould and \$15,000,000 into the bargain.

Count Castellane isn't as good looking as Harry Woodruff, as rich as Willie Harriman or as noble as Prince Battenburg, yet he has got what all those chappies strove for with might and main.

If the mind can be permitted to wander through the possibilities created by such an engagement, it will revert first to the high born father and mother of the young adventurer, the Marquis and Marquise de Castellane, living perhaps on air, as only French people can, yet still maintaining the stately dignity of their old French chateaux.

Imagine the cable received from their adored son gone to the uttermost parts of the world to search for the whereabouts:

"J'ai gagne tout, belle, riche et genereuse"—I have won all, lovely, rich and willing to give up!

Already the news is known in Paris, France and all over Europe.

Already other frugal parents are bidding other adventurous sons goodbye and good speed on their departure for New York in quest of other heiresses.

We will soon be inundated by other "students" of American institutions, who will hope to take something more tangible than "impressions" back with them.

I never read of an engagement like this without considering the uproar into which it throws Europe.

I have already made reference to the "Mothers' Mutual American Heiress Emigrant society," formed in Germany by noble but impoverished women for the purpose of raising funds with which to ship their sons to America.

The success of Count Castellane will be certain to cause such societies to spring up all over Europe.

By Jove, the government ought to interfere! This is contract labor if ever there was such a thing, and our heiresses are equally responsible under the law!

They bring these fellows out here, they induce them to come with promises of employment, and, by gad! old chappies, I don't think it's fair to us at all.

What show have we plain "misters" got?

We may be as lovely as Harry Woodruff and belong to as many clubs as Bill Harriman, yet we are not the kind of fellows these girls want to marry.

It's the handle to the name, the dreary old tumble down castle, that catch the rich girl's fancy, and we have neither of those commodities.

Upon my word, it makes my heart sick, and persuades one to go out and get lost in the blizzard, to think that a little frog eating Frenchman can blow into New York and in a month's time accumulate \$15,000,000, with a wedding present of \$2,000,000 thrown in.

If the law won't help us, I say that we dudes ought to organize into something like an old time Know Nothing association and hamstring every decent looking foreigner that arrives on these shores and cannot prove that he isn't after an American heiress.

What do you say, Brock Cutting, Ham Carey and Jim Farley, are yous wid me or agin me?—Cholly Knickerbocker in New York Recorder.

A FRENCH KLEPTOMANIAC.
How He Was Nipped and the Famous Goethe Medallion Recovered.

The superb medallion of Goethe by the famous sculptor, David of Angers, was recently missed from the Paris Louvre. Watch was set upon the other art treasures in the room in which it had been shown. At length an old man, respectably dressed, was discovered trying to open a case by unscrewing the hinges. On being arrested he declared that he was tightening the screws of the hinges, not taking them out. He was detained in custody, and a search was made of his rooms. Here was found the missing medallion, together with a large number of other art treasures and bits of bric-a-brac. There were also tools not unlike a housebreaker's.

The kleptomaniac, who is a bachelor of 62, has been ascertained to be a man of considerable fortune, who spent large sums in artistic salesrooms. It is proposed by the magistrate to keep him in custody for a few days and then release him, his friends depositing 10,000 francs as security for his good behavior.—Paris Letter.

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