

# BRYAN ASSAILS PARKER.

D. B. HILL AND THE NEW YORK PLATFORM GET A SOLAR PLEXUS BLOW.

THE NEBRASKAN SAYS THE NEW YORK PLATFORM IS EVASIVE AND DISHONEST.

THE LEADING AND MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES ARE LEFT OUT ENTIRELY.

CHICAGO, April 25.—Before a crowd of people which filled the Second regiment armory until the police for safety reasons, would permit no more to enter, William J. Bryan, twice the standard bearer of the Democratic party in national campaigns, spoke here Saturday night. He spoke of D. B. Hill, Judge Alton B. Parker and the New York platform. Friends he had in great number in the vast audience who received his perorations enthusiastically, but there were also there a large number who, while giving the brilliant speaker respectful attention, did not show much enthusiasm. In his audience were many ministers, representing numerous denominations, all there on the personal invitation of the speaker, who said: "I desire to have the ministers attend. They can exert their influence in behalf of honesty and firmness in politics."

Mr. Bryan had said he would not take sides with any particular candidate for the honor of carrying the banner of Democracy in the coming battle of national ballots, but he did not say he would not take sides against any particular candidate, and he did not define his purpose; he did not take sides with any one, but he most decidedly took sides against Judge Parker et al. He devoted his speech entirely to the New York State platform.

### Bryan's Speech.

Mr. Bryan said in part: "What are the issues before the country? In the trust question there is certainly an issue, and yet there is nothing in that platform that gives any encouragement to the opponents of the trusts. There is no word or syllable that binds a person selected on such a platform to do anything that the trusts are unwilling to have done."

"The labor question is an issue. The laboring men have been before the campaign committee endeavoring to secure three important measures. One is the arbitration of differences between corporations engaged in interstate commerce and their employees. Both the Chicago and Kansas City platforms declared for arbitration but the New York platform fails to refer to it. The laboring men are also trying to secure an eight hour day, but the New York platform is silent on the subject. Laboring men are trying to secure the abolition of government by injunctions. Both the Chicago and Kansas City platforms contained planks on this subject but the New York platform dodges this as it does all other vital questions."

"On the tariff question no issue is joined. It was reasonable to suppose that on this question, at least something would be said, but Mr. Hill and Judge Parker seem to be as much afraid of the tariff question as of other issues."

### The Silver Issue.

"The money question is ignored entirely. No reference is made to bimetallism at any ratio, not even to international bimetallism to which Mr. Hill seemed to be so attached in the Chicago convention. No reference is made to the measure now before Congress to melt up nearly six hundred million legal tender silver dollars into subsidiary coin that is only a limited legal tender. Nothing is said about the asset currency which is a part of the scheme of the financiers. Nothing is said about the Aldrich bill which proposes to subsidize the banks into opposition to tax reduction by loaning them the surplus money in the treasury. There is no condemnation of the corruption that such a system would lead to. The platform does not antagonize the proposition now before Congress to give the National banks unlimited control over the volume of paper money. In other words, there is not a line in the platform that is written in behalf of the people; not a line that will excite criticism in Wall street."

"The platform ignores the income tax; it fails to endorse the election of Senators by direct vote, and also omits the plank of the Kansas City platform denouncing corporate domination in particular."

"The New York platform is a dishonest platform, fit only for a dishonest party. No one but an artful dodger would stand upon it. The submission of such a platform to the vot-

ers of a State is an insult to their intelligence.

"This platform provides in its opposition to the Kansas City platform not only opposition to silver, but opposition to every needed reform and opposition to all that the masses desire."

"I had expected that a platform prepared by Mr. Hill for Judge Parker would be evasive and lacking in frankness, but I did not conceive that any body of men calling themselves Democrats would present such a platform as a recommendation of a candidate."

"The New York platform is ambiguous, uncertain, evasive and dishonest. It would disgrace the Democrats of the nation to adopt such a platform and it ought to defeat an aspirant for a Democratic nomination any man who would be willing to have to go forth as a declaration of his views of public questions."

## FIRST STEAMBOAT

ON THE MUDDY WATERS OF THE WEST FORK MADE A TRIP YESTERDAY.

EXCURSIONS NEXT SUNDAY TO VALLEY FALLS—LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING.

Sunday saw the first steamboat on the waters of the West Fork. Captain Frank Ganoce, of New Geneva, Pa., brought his boat up to the city yesterday, and made the trip to Jayenne. The boat is being run from Brownsville to a point further down the river. The Captain wished to visit Fairmont, and came up with his boat. After lying at the wharf while the boat was taken up to Jayenne, Colonel H. T. Blair, who knows every foot of the rivers around here, pointed out the way, and the trip was made without the slightest accident. A large crowd came back down on the boat.

The boat was built for excursion purposes, having a large dancing platform with seats around for nearly a hundred people. The boat is beautifully arranged throughout.

On next Sunday Captain Ganoce will run an excursion from Little Falls to Fairmont. Two trips will be made each way, and a large crowd will take this opportunity for an outing. Tickets may be had of Col. Blair at the Fountain Saloon. The fare for the round trip will be seventy-five cents.

It is likely that after Sunday Captain Ganoce will make two trips daily between here and Little Falls.

### A TIMELY WARNING.

The effect of the reorganization of the Democratic party in West Virginia on the Republican party will doubtless be salutary.

At any rate it ought to have such an effect, but whether it will or not remains to be seen. The big convention held by the Democrats and the general disposition that prevailed to bury the hatchet and get together in an effort to recapture the State, should be a warning to the contending factions of the Republican party of disaster unless they follow a good example set them by their political foes. A large and harmonious Democratic convention is something that hasn't been had in West Virginia for a good many years, but the peace that reigned the other day at Charleston indicates that the Democrats have tired of fighting and slashing one another and are willing to make most any kind of compromise and conciliation to close up the ranks and unite the party. On the other hand, the Republicans have always been together until this year and the factionalism that disturbs the serenity of the party organization is something new to them. However, they have seen its effect on the opposing party and ought to profit by what they have seen it do to a once powerful organization. With such knowledge as they have of the downfall of Democracy because of internecine strife and with the reorganization of that party now completely and for the most part satisfactorily effected, they should have a care that all unseemly wrangle and factional discord should be cast aside and every energy bent in the direction of uniting the party and getting it equipped and disciplined for the great battle of the ballots that is to be fought next fall. If that be done, and with the advantage of a Republican majority to start with, it will be safe to predict that the State which was first to break the Solid South will not go back into it.—Parkersburg News.

The Democratic party is preparing to fall back on the tariff issue. It worked in 1892, but the country remembers the four years from 1893 to 1897, and if the Democratic party proposes to repeat the experiment of the tariff revision the voters will not again be misled. Experience is a dear teacher, but a lesson learned by experience is not soon forgotten.—Tacoma Ledger.

Davis Elkins came up from Morgantown Sunday noon and left for the East on 46.

I have some of the best lots on the South Side for sale at from \$550 to \$700.

H. H. LANHAM, X

## OUR SENSITIVE EARS

THE PECULIAR MECHANISM OF THESE WONDERFUL ORGANS.

How They Are Affected by the Shock of the Discharge of Big Guns—The Odd Way in Which Some Ears Are Played Upon by Various Sounds.

Whenever a big gun is fired at Fort Hancock, the government's proving grounds on Sandy Hook, the officers in charge advise all spectators to stand on their tiptoes, stick their fingers in their ears and open their mouths. On board ship, where conditions are such that one cannot get far away from a thirteen inch rifle, the more sensitive among the officers and sailors place a cork or chunk of rubber between their teeth when there is about to be a discharge. Men have been known to bleed in the ear from the effects of the concussion caused by a much smaller gun than a thirteen inch bore. One of the officers at Fort Hancock was asked to explain the philosophy of elevating oneself on the toes, placing fingers in ears and opening the mouth.

"Standing on the toes is like standing on a spring," he replied, "while standing on the heel or full sole of the foot is like standing on a solid. By placing a spring between your person and a violent force the impact is so weakened that you are unlikely to suffer injury. In the firing of heavy ordnance a severe shock may be received from the ground."

"As for the fingers in the ears, that's plain enough. It is simply closing the auditory canal to prevent the ingress of the air which is set in intense vibration by the discharge. Many a careless soldier has had his tympanic membrane destroyed by neglecting to close up his ears, either with his fingers or some foreign substance."

"It is wise to open the mouth, for the reason that to do so tends to equalize the pressure caused by the detonation. With the mouth closed the pressure is on the external side of the tympanic membrane, forcing it inward and splitting it. When the mouth is open this is offset by the same pressure from within, by means of the eustachian tube."

"Many men in the artillery are minus tympanic membranes, but that wonderful design of nature is not absolutely necessary to hearing. When it is torn the hearing is impaired, certainly, but not destroyed, since the surrounding air then acts directly upon the membranes of the two orifices. Nothing in anatomy is more beautiful than the arrangement of the ear. I have made a study of it since coming here, as I had the misfortune to lose one of my tympanic membranes."

"The inner membrane of the cochlea is lined with elastic fibers, discovered by Corti and bearing his name. They apparently form the terminations of the filaments of the auditory nerve. Helmholtz, the greatest authority on acoustics the world has produced, declared that each one of these fibers is attuned to a special note, and as they are above 3,000 in number there must be over 400 for each octave. The interval from one to another is one-sixty-sixth of a tone. They form a wondrous instrument for reproducing every note that the ear can distinguish. The cochlea may be called an æolian harp of 3,000 strings that move in sympathy to all the sounds of creation."

"Many ears are incapable of hearing very high sounds. Many persons are deaf to the chirping of crickets, and some cannot hear the twittering of sparrows. There was said to be a boy in Texas whose ears were deformed to a remarkable degree, the auricle of one being nearly as large as the side of his head, while that of the other was no bigger than your thumb nail. By closing the small ear he could hear the approach of a rain-storm a hundred miles off. By closing the big one he could hear a fly walking on the ceiling. Isn't that romantic enough for you? It takes a vivid imagination to believe the story, but when you consider the miracles of the ear and hearing you may believe almost anything."

"I do not doubt that there are many sounds so faint that our ears are deaf to them, but they make sweet music for others. You know what paracousis is, I suppose. No? Well, you have it when you cannot hear faint sounds at all when things are still, but hear them at once when they are accompanied by a great noise. I once read of a woman (an authentic case) who made her servant beat a drum whenever she wanted to listen to anything, for then she could hear very well. There was a man who could not hear except when the bells were ringing. It is an old story that deaf persons hear well when traveling on a railroad, or when rattling over a rough highway in a carriage."

"There was a shoemaker's apprentice who heard only when his master was beating out a sole on his iron. The left ear generally hears better than the right. Some say this is owing to the common habit of sleeping on the right side. I have my doubts. There is a record of a man whose two ears heard different tones at the same time when a single one was given."

"The ears of the lower animals are incomplete. Do fishes hear? Certainly, although the cavity of the tympanum is entirely wanting, the round and oval orifices being at the top of the head. Look out! Get up on your toes and open your mouth. The mortar on the left is about to be discharged. The wind is with the shell, so you needn't close your ear. There she goes!"—New York Press.

Where there is much pretension much has been borrowed. Nature never pretends.—Lavater.

A source of pleasure is to wear Dorothy Dodd Oxford.

C. B. HIGHLAND, X

## FILIBUSTER DANLEY

STEAMS UP MADISON STREET AND RUNS ANENT A FLAGSHIP AND CRUISER.

A COSTLY NAVAL CONFLICT—FIRST SINCE SLACK WATER REACHED FAIRMONT.

Saturday night about 10 o'clock the Filibuster Guy Danley steamed up the Madison street channel with his siren working overtime, and a full cargo of "Contraband of Kinsey." Off the coast of Nian-MacDonald's salonsky he discovered what he thought was the enemy's fleet, and stopping he delivered a missile from his star-board-stern-bow 34 inches, which struck one of the craft amidship (amidship is the nautical term for just below the left eye). The missile very much resembled an ordinary paving brick. About the time the shot was fired the filibuster discovered that what he had thought was the enemy's Barnsville fleet was a bunch of coal-boats from New England. Hastily crowding on all sail he hiked for the tall timbers but owing to the fumes of his cargo penetrating his brain, he did not have a very good sense of direction, and ran plump into the (yard) arms of the flag-ship Bartholow, and first-class cruiser Morgan, who captured him and escorted him as a prisoner of war to Port Rudsky. \$19.

Tony Motza was fined \$5 for drunkenness. Tony was pinched last night, but swore that he procured his booze at Farmington.

George Osserton and Harman Lemley, who were arrested Saturday night, each put up six dollars for their appearance this morning, but both were invisible.

### THE EVOLUTION OF BASE BALL.

Brief History of Sport Which Has Become the National Game of America.

The evolution of base ball, down to the present day where it is at its zenith of popularity as the interesting, says Harry C. Pulliam, in the Illustrated Sporting News. We are told that ball playing of a certain character was indulged in by the ancients. Among the sports of the Greeks and Romans are a species of ball playing which was indulged in to give elasticity to the muscles and grace to the body. It is a matter of history that the Greeks erected a monument to Aristonicus, the Mathewson or Philippe of his time, for his skill in the use of the ball. Who knows but what the ancient city of Philippi was founded as a tribute of admiration for the prowess displayed on the ball field by some ancestor of Philippe, the pride of the Pittsburg champions! Attached to the Green gymnasium and Roman baths were the apartments set apart and used by the athletes of those days of ball playing; and who knows but what the original victim of the arena was not the same hapless umpire!

Coming down to the sixteenth century, we find that ball players were called upon to display their skill before the courts of Italy and France. The modern game of base ball, as now played in America, comes to this country from England through the medium of cricket and the so-called "rounders." At first it was "town ball" and in 1833 the Olympic club of Philadelphia was formed to play this game. The Knickerbocker club of New York, organized in 1845, was the pioneer base ball club of this country to play under a regular code of playing rules. The progress made in the game from the time of the Knickerbockers in 1845 resulted in the formation of the National Association of Base Ball Players, the first meeting of which was held in Cooper Union, New York City, March 9, 1859.

In the sixties base ball began to boom and expand, and clubs were organized all over New England, the East generally and the Middle West. The game was then on amateur basis, and clubs traveled independently of each other and played many memorable contests as the result of challenges issued and accepted. In 1869 the first regular championship professional team was organized in the Cincinnati Red Stockings, which traveled from Main to California, playing 56 games in all without losing one, and scoring 2,389 runs to 574 for their opponents.

### BOYS LIKE SOMETHING NEW

It is natural for a boy to like something new. A bright boy who sells the Times had just one paper left after selling his quota Saturday when one of the new West Virginian force was on the street with some of the new dailies stuck in his pocket. The boy accosted him—"Say Mister, won't you trade papers?" They did, and the bright boy stepped on briskly as usual, crying out "New Daily West Virginian, al about the Cook Hospital."

### Infant Child Died Sunday.

Hannah, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Trippett, of Winfield district, died Sunday, April 24th, of pneumonia. The little one was eight months old, and was buried Monday afternoon in the Bunner cemetery. Rev. Hennen held funeral services.

# READ THIS COPY OF THE Daily West Virginian

If you are a subscriber, that's nice; if not, we want you.

THE DAILY WEST VIRGINIAN is new, and has its shortcomings. You know about that. You were new once yourself! But we are working hard to make our paper second to none in this region.

IT TAKES MONEY AND HARD WORK to establish an up-to-date paper. If you do not know about that, you can take our word for it. We knew it before we started, but we felt that some interests in this community needed such a paper as we propose to run.

WE ARE "BOOSTERS," NOT "KNOCKERS."

We believe Fairmont to be at the threshold of her greatest era of prosperity. To promote her best interests and uphold her various institutions will be our daily concern. We need all the enterprises we have. To encourage the men who are helping to build up this community will be our delight. We will try to give

### ALL THE NEWS,

and occasionally tell you what we think about things.

TEN GENTS buys the Daily one week, forty cents is the price per month; while four dollars pays for it a whole year.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good.

First Floor New Jacobs Building, Monroe Street and Porter Alley.

## The Department Store.

Headquarters for Ladies', Gents' and Children's Furnishings, 602 Cor. Market and Merchant Streets. J. S. POPLÉ, Proprietor. Phones: Bell 32; F. & M., 112.

We always give you the best for the least; what more could you ask. A willingness to correct all errors, whether yours or ours. KEITH'S KONQUEROR AND FORBUSH

## Shoes for Men,

That have no equal. Prices \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00. Shoes for Ladies' and Children, of the best makes, at remarkably low prices.

## Clothing for Men and Boys

of the latest weaves, and the make and fit like Tailor Made, at one-third to one-half the price. Remember that

Every Day at Our Store is Bargain Day.

THE SAME TREATMENT TO ALL.

## The Department Store,

J. S. POPLÉ, Proprietor.

### Mrs. E. A. McCartney, Ladies Tailoring.

Gentlemen's Cleaning and Repairing. Cheapest price for high grade Tailoring. Third Floor, Carr Building.

### HORSE STRUCK

By Street Car But Got Off Without a Scratch.

Car No. 3, on the local street car line, hit a fine horse Saturday. A man was leading the animal and did not notice how near the track he was, when the car struck him. At first it was thought that the animal was hurt, but he was not even scarred.

### Will Be in Fairmont.

Mr. Grant Shurtleff left this afternoon for Uniontown, Penn., where he will join the Coughanour & Frazier Refined Vaudeville Circus, of which attraction he will have the entire charge of the advance work. They will be in Fairmont for three days May 12, 13 and 14.



### OUR OWN FIRESIDE

Can be made doubly attractive by the addition of a handsome

### MANTEL.

Perhaps you have thought about making a change but feared the expense might be too great. May be high under some conditions but not if we do the work. We would be pleased to have you inspect the line of mantels here and also our book of designs. Then we can submit figures which will be quite low.

W. A. MOOREHEAD, Jacobs Building, Monroe Street.