

## INDICT OFFICIALS OF EL PASO SOUTHWESTERN

### Federal Grand Jury at Santa Fe Returns a Number of True Bills in Land Cases.

## CONSPIRACY TO DEFAUD IS CHARGE PREFERRED

### Claim that Accused Fraudulently Took Up Valuable Coal Land in San Juan County, New Mexico.

SANTA FE, N. M., October 22.—Indictments were returned by the federal grand jury yesterday against the Phelps Dodge company of New York, owners of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad, as well as smelters in Arizona and coal lands in New Mexico.

Further indictments were returned against Charles S. Spiess, one of the company's attorneys; Professor Douglas, former Territorial Engineer David M. White and fifteen others.

The charge is conspiracy to defraud the United States in connection with coal land entries in San Juan county, New Mexico.

The conspiracy is alleged to have occurred four years ago, when the people were trying to induce the railroad to build to the coal fields.

It is said that the lands are still held by individuals and have not been transferred to the company.

Court officials refuse to give out a complete list of those indicted until warrants are in the hands of a United States marshal for their arrest, but it is set forth that those named above have been indicted and that others high in position are involved.

It is believed here that a blanket indictment was returned to cover the defeat of the timber investigations, and that technicalities have been used.

The government gives as a reason for the change in jury as tampering methods. Others say that the government intimates representatives of the government have created comment by introducing a system of elimination for the grand jury.

The jury reconvened on the 14th instant and the government removed three men, who are supposed to be against indictment.

Today the officials removed one more juror, and it is rumored that four are to be removed tomorrow.

This method means that every man charged by the prosecution will finally be indicted and there is considerable statement over the new wrinkle taught to politicians.

The indictments are the result of a special investigation being conducted by the United States of land entries and sales, especially coal lands in New Mexico. That the investigations are to be continued is indicated by the fact that a special venire for grand jurymen was issued this afternoon.

## CALL MONEY IS OFF THE MARKET

### New York Sends Out a Quotation of 50 per Cent—Stock Markets Unchanged

There were but few changes in stock quotations yesterday. The feature of the market was call money at 50 per cent, which means that there was no money to be had, and the quotation, so far as significance is concerned, might have been made 200 per cent. Call money, normally, is perhaps worth 5% per cent in New York.

The following quotations were received by the H. H. Bru company at the close of trading last night.

Amalgamated	45.50
Anaconda	26.50
American Smelters	67.37
Erie	19.00
Reading	80.75
Southern Pacific	69.00
Union Pacific	112.50
United States Steel	22.50
Arizona Commercial	8.50
Bingham	5.25
Calumet & Arizona	92.00
Copper Range	45.50
North Butte	35.00
Old Dominion	18.50
Shannon	8.25
Trinity	11.50
Utah Consolidated	27.25
Den. Arizona	3.50
Globe Consolidated	5.00
National Exploration	.35
Nippon	5.75
Superior & Boston	2.50
Superior & Pittsburg	7.87
Haltiva	1.25

New York call money, 50 per cent.

## AN EARTHQUAKE SOMEWHERE

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 22.—The weather bureau today announced that its instruments registered an earthquake beginning at 11 o'clock last night and lasting until early this morning, and its origin may be at a point off Australia in the southern Indian ocean.

It is believed there was considerable intensity at its origin.

## HOTEL THIEF IS CAPTURED BY A CLEVER CONSTABLE

### Mexican Who Plundered a Room at the Dominion Hotel Caught With the Goods in His Possession as He Was About to Leave the City

Clever detective work on the part of Constable H. H. (Bert) Pratt yesterday led to the recovery of about \$100 worth of stolen property and the capture of the thief, who is now confined in the county jail and will be compelled to answer a burglary charge.

About two weeks ago a room occupied by Arthur Amandon and George Arbuckle at the Dominion hotel was entered at night during the absence of the young men and a gold watch, a large number of neckties, a fountain pen, two pocket knives and \$14 in cash were taken. The matter was kept quiet for about ten days, the belief being that the thief would return and could be trapped, but yesterday the case was turned over to Constable Pratt, who succeeded in landing his man and recovering the booty in about two hours.

Pratt was informed at the hotel that a Mexican named Antonio Cigales, who was at one time employed at the hotel,

was recently discovered coming down the stairway. When asked what he was doing in the building he informed the night clerk that he had been sleeping with the baker and was just getting up. His story was believed and he was allowed to pass. When the officer heard this he made a search for Cigales with the result that the Mexican was located while in the act of preparing to leave town. The gold watch was found in the leather sweat band of his hat, and the balance of the goods and money in his pockets. A dangerous looking gun was also taken from the Mexican. It seems that after committing the robbery the Mexican planted the stuff, and had taken it out yesterday with a view to leaving the city. The arrest was very opportune. Cigales will have a hearing in Justice Thomas' court today. As the room was entered after nightfall the charge will be burglary.

## FATHER AVENGES HIS CHILD

### HE FATALLY SHOOTS MARRIED MAN ACCUSED BY GIRL

### Victim, Dying, Protests His Innocence; Girl in Hysterics—Pleaded in Vain with Her Father

BRISTOL, Va., October 22.—W. K. Stout, a well-known farmer of Sullivan county, residing eight miles north of Bluff City, today emptied the contents of a double-barreled shotgun in the breast of William L. Jones, a married man, 35 years old, who he alleges was intimate with Stout's daughter. Jones was still alive tonight, according to a long-distance telephone message, but there is no hope for his recovery.

Learning the story of her relations with Jones from the lips of his 18-year-old daughter, Stout procured a shotgun early this morning and went in search of Jones. The two met just as Jones was leaving his mother's home, and without warning Stout leveled the gun and fired both barrels, leaving his victim lying on the ground unconscious.

There is great excitement in the neighborhood over the shooting, but as yet Stout has not been arrested. He says he is ready to surrender, and will probably be given the opportunity to-day.

It is said that Jones denies having improper relations with the girl, but the father declares he betrays his daughter and he does not regret his action. The girl is in hysterics over the occurrence. She followed her father almost a mile when he left home before the shooting, begging him to spare Jones' life, but he refused.

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## VALLEY BRIDGE WORK IS ABOUT COMPLETED

Right-of-way Agent Reppy of the Gila Valley, Globe & Northern railway, reached the city last night, coming in from the San Carlos, where he has been spending a number of days. Mr. Reppy states that the last girder is in place on the new Gila river bridge, and nothing remains to be done now but the work of riveting, painting and laying of rails, which work will be completed inside of thirty days. The San Carlos bridge has been completed and is now ready for the painters.

## SHE MAY BE IN NEW YORK

### MISS MALONEY THOUGHT TO BE IN THIS COUNTRY

### Believed to Have Returned from Trip Abroad with Clarkson to Elude Her Pursuers

NEW YORK, October 22.—That Helen Maloney and Samuel Clarkson are either in New York or will arrive here from Europe within a few days was indicated tonight by the tenor of dispatches received from Quebec, throwing new light upon their elopement.

The Quebec agent of the steamship line which operates the Empress of Ireland declares positively that the girl and man did sail from Quebec to Europe on that boat under the names of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, on October 4. He added that they bought round trip tickets when they discovered that they could save money in that way, and boarded the Empress, saying that they were only going abroad for the sea trip and would return by way of New York.

It is believed quite possible by the friends of Miss Maloney's parents that Clarkson and the young woman have already returned to America, shrewdly reasoning that in no better way could they throw off the pursuers.

Thorough search of the records of both Quebec and Montreal fails to reveal any record of the marriage and the Canadian detectives at work upon the case declare that they are certain no wedding took place before the couple sailed.

## OPERATORS RETURNING

### CHICAGO, October 22.—Nineteen striking Western Union operators of the western division applied for work today and were employed. Several other applications were rejected.

## BUCKNER SAYS HE DIDN'T SHOOT JAMES

### Still Sticks to the Story that He Was Not in Globe at the Hour of the Tragedy.

## SAYS, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD A REAL GRIEVANCE

### Mr. James Passed an Easy Night and the Attending Physicians Assert that He Has Chance for Recovery.

At 2 o'clock this morning a telephone message from the Old Dominion hospital stated that David James had passed a very comfortable night and at that hour was resting easily. His general condition, however, is about the same as yesterday morning. Early last evening the attending physician stated that the wounded man had more than a fighting chance to recover. That he is still in a critical condition there is little doubt and it will probably be several days before the outcome of his injuries will be definitely known.

There were no new developments in the James tragedy yesterday. There was a rumor circulated to the effect that not long ago James had offered Buckner \$500 to settle his claim against the properties located by the West brothers, and that he had told Buckner that if he didn't accept that it wouldn't be surprising if his dead body was found along a trail some morning.

There is absolutely no truth in the report, as it has been denied personally by Buckner, who stated that he heard such a report several weeks ago, but it came from a source wholly irresponsible and that he did not credit it then and does not now.

Henry Buckner, who is confined in the county jail, charged with attempting to take the life of David James, slept soundly Monday night. He arose early yesterday morning, apparently bright and cheerful. After reading the report of the tragedy of the night before in the Silver Belt he expressed the opinion that this paper had given him the worst of it, and in many instances had greatly misrepresented the facts. A Silver Belt representative called at the jail last evening and asked Buckner for a statement and also to specify in what respect the report was erroneous. He at first declined to discuss the tragedy further than to make a general denial of the whole story.

"I have something more than an imaginary grievance," said the prisoner at last. "I hold a grabstake receipt given by the West brothers on the claims in question, and I certainly am entitled to a portion of the property. I was employed at the Live Oak when the West brothers informed me that they had a chance to sell the claims and I told them to go ahead and whatever deal they made would be satisfactory to me. Later I discovered that I was being counted out and made an endeavor to protect my interests."

Buckner was asked to make a written statement of his connection with the West boys and James in the mining claims and exactly what had taken place during the past few months between himself and Mr. James. He promised to furnish the statement last night, but at a late hour did not have it prepared.

"What's the matter with Kansas?" "Not a thing of its greatness can be measured by the nature of the advertising matter the Sunflower state is sending out."

The Silver Belt is in receipt of two post cards, mailed by H. A. Gordon, who is at present visiting at Independence. One of these cards represents a cluster of three watermelons, the smallest of which, according to the half-tone would measure about twelve feet in diameter and about thirty feet in length. Men are mounting these monsters with the aid of a ladder. An inscription conveys the intelligence that the men are carving watermelons in Kansas.

The other card represents an ear of corn, which comfortably fills the running gears of an ordinary farm wagon with an extension reach. The unsophisticated are told that "corn grows big in Kansas."

## PLOT AGAINST CZAR'S LIFE

### Dogs Discover a Tunnel Which Held Suspicious Documents

ST. PETERSBURG, October 22.—An ominous discovery, made yesterday, points to the possibility of another plot against the life of the emperor of Russia.

General Kristi, ex-governor of Moscow, went hunting Sunday in the forest near Tsarsko-Selo.

His dogs discovered the entrance to an underground tunnel, which had been concealed from view by a number of heavy plants covered with earth. The entrance is visible from the railroad which runs direct from St. Petersburg to Tsarsko-Selo. An examination of the tunnel led to the arrest of two men who were found in the act of digging with sapping tools and the finding of some suspicious documents.

## QUIET WEDDING TODAY WILL CLIMAX A PRETTY ROMANCE

### Globe Gentleman Meets the Lady Who is to Become His Bride For the First Time Last Night—She Comes From Far Away Vermont

The wedding ceremony today, uniting the hearts and hands of Miss Lena Whitney of Barre, Vt., and Mr. Charles Morris of this city will close a very pretty little romance, which opened several months ago, just how, the high contracting parties alone can tell and they seem to want to keep it a secret, at least for the present.

Last night Miss Whitney arrived in the city from her far away down eastern home in the Green Mountain state. Charles Morris was at the depot. This was the first meeting of these young people, who will walk from the altar today man and wife. Whether it is the happy consummation of a "Heart and Hand" affair, a matrimonial bureau, or the work of some mutual friends, Dan Cupid didn't tarry to inform the Silver Belt, and as long as the principals are satisfied the rest of

the world should be. The prospective bride was taken to the Kinney house, where a room had been provided for her. She is a handsome woman, richly gowned and pleasing in manner, and a prize apparently well worth drawing.

The license was secured by Mr. Morris yesterday and the marriage was to have been solemnized last night, but Miss Whitney was considerably fatigued after her long journey, and possibly for this reason it was postponed until today.

Mr. Morris, the groom in prospect, is a well known young mining man of the district, and has a host of friends who will join with the Silver Belt in congratulating him on his good fortune and in wishing for the future Mrs. Morris a long and happy wedded life. Mr. Morris is at present employed as head machinist at the Continental mine.

## "I AM HIS LAWFUL WIFE"

### CRIB OF WIFE WHOSE HUSBAND MARRIED ANOTHER

### Insists Marriage Certificate Is Genuine; Actor Told New Bride of a Former Spouse

LOS ANGELES, Cal., October 22.—"All I want to do is to prove myself the lawful wife of George Best," yesterday declared Mrs. Best, who is prosecuting the former comedian in the Santa Ana courts on a charge of having bigamously married Miss Cecile Fleming, daughter of C. W. Fleming, manager of the American Type Founders company, in Santa Ana October 5.

"Best has informed the public that he never married me. He claims that the ceremony he let me go through with him was spurious and that it did not bind him to me in any way."

"When the time comes for me to go on the witness stand, however, I will prove these statements are lies. Best married me in Salt Lake City and the city attorney of Santa Ana now has my marriage certificate, which proves the truth of my statements. He is investigating the records of the clerk's office in Salt Lake City to verify the certificate and I haven't the slightest doubt in the world that he will find them all right."

"Before we were married, Best told me of a former wife and said he was divorced from her. Her name was Bertha Nelson Best and she was an actress. I believe she lived in Minneapolis."

"What hurts me," Mrs. Best concluded, "is the fact that my husband has been so unmanly as to make such statements. I am going to disprove them, no matter how long it may take."

"I have no recriminations to make, no hard feelings toward Best. All I want to do is to defend my own name."

Mrs. Best refused to discuss the case further and would not make any of her plans known. She declared that when she got on the witness stand was time enough to tell everything, and she intended to wait until that time to do so.

## PENSION LIST DECREASES

### DURING PAST YEAR 18,600 NAMES WERE DROPPED

### This Is the Greatest Decrease in the History of the Pension Bureau

—967,371 Pensions

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 22.—The decline of 18,600 in the number of pensioners on the rolls at the end of the fiscal year of 1907, as compared with the year previous, is the feature of the annual report of Pension Commissioner Warner, just issued.

This is the greatest decrease in the history of the pension bureau. The total number of pensions June 30, 1907, was 967,371, and the total value of the pension roll at that date was \$149,870,888. The total number of pensioners on the rolls on account of the war with Spain was 24,077.

## MAY END STREET CAR STRIKE

### SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., October 22.—W. D. Mahon, international president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America, arrived in San Francisco yesterday.

Although he would not talk for publication last night except to say that he was here to look after the local situation, it was freely rumored in labor circles that his object was to terminate the long-drawn-out strike of the car men.

"I don't believe I know James' partner by sight. I have never had any business dealings directly with him."

Officers succeeded in locating quite a number of people yesterday who witnessed the shooting and who saw and identified Buckner lying over the hill horseback just after the shot had been fired. It is not likely that the accused man will be given a hearing until it is better known what the outcome of James' wound will be.

The surgeons stated yesterday that the bullet entered James' breast, passed through the upper portion of the stomach, tearing a nick from the edge of the liver, and passed out just above the left hip. When the shot was fired the would-be assassin must have been within two feet of his victim, as James' clothes were badly powder burned.

## BRYAN ADDRESSES PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY

### Makes Three Speeches in the Metropolis and Is Enthusiastically Received.

## OPPOSED TO FEDERAL MEDDLING WITH STATES

### Disparages Centralization of Power—He Approves Part of Roosevelt's Policy—Addresses Striking Operators.

NEW YORK, October 22.—William J. Bryan delivered three addresses in New York today, the final one being before a large audience at Cooper Union tonight.

The subject of the evening address was "The Democracy of Today."

Mr. Bryan was enthusiastically received by his auditors and his remarks were frequently interrupted by applause.

During the day he addressed the students of the Dewitt Clinton High school and the striking telegraphers of the city.

Mr. Bryan spoke at Cooper Union under the auspices of the Progressive Democratic league. He said:

"The president suggests the national incorporation of all railroads engaged in interstate commerce. Not since the days of Alexander Hamilton has such a doctrine of centralization been advanced as this suggestion by the president."

"It would practically place the government of the different states in Washington."

"The democratic doctrine is that the federal authorities attend to federal affairs and leave the states to attend to their home government. The federal authority should be added to state authority, not substituted for it."

He said that the federal government acting within its present powers could curb the trusts.

Continuing, he said:

"The president has done one thing and I regard it as one of the most important things that he has done; he has called attention to the matter of amassing wealth. Who has those 'swollen fortunes'?"

"Not the wage earner, not the strongest men of the nation, but the men who have debauched legislation, gained control of the taxing power, disgraced the homes of the land, corrupted business, and brought odium upon the church of God. It is this kind of men whom the president has seen fit to point out as a menace to the country."

NEW YORK, October 22.—Giving particular evidence of his sympathy with the striking telegraphers, William J. Bryan, who was learned today, has refused for a week to answer by wire important messages sent him from this city. In further testimony of this sympathy he will address the Commercial Telegraphers' union on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Letters from Mr. Bryan in explanation of his failure to respond by wire to important messages sent to him from this city by telegraph were brief but pointed. He merely said the reason he did not answer by telegraph was his determination not to file messages with the telegraph companies so long as they were involved in a strike with their employees. He laid down no hard and fast rule, but it was said he intimated that only in cases of absolute necessity would he feel justified in filing messages with the telegraph companies.

## THREE CHINAMEN BREAK JAIL

### Remove Bricks from Wall and Make Good Their Escape

LAS CRUCES, N. M., October 22.—Three Chinamen confined in the jail here, awaiting trial on the charge of being unlawfully in the United States, broke jail Saturday night and at a late hour tonight had not been recaptured.

The Chinamen made their escape after loosening and removing bricks from the wall and crawling through the aperture.

Immigration inspectors are searching the surrounding country for the fugitives.

## THE PASSING OF AN OLD LAND MARK

### The house now being moved

\* from the northeast corner of Broad \*  
\* and Cedar streets, opposite the \*  
\* Silver Belt office, is one of the old \*  
\* land marks of the city. \*  
\* The building—a story and a \*  
\* half frame, was erected by the \*  
\* late Truman Reed twenty-six years \*  
\* ago. It was built from native \*  
\* timber, cut on Pinal mountain, \*  
\* and the material is still in a good \*  
\* state of preservation. It will be \*  
\* moved to a vacant lot and will be \*  
\* returned to residential purposes. \*  
\* Messrs. Berndt & Koch, who re- \*  
\* cently purchased the property on \*  
\* which the house stood, will at once \*  
\* begin the construction on the site \*  
\* of a two-story modern business \*  
\* building. The main floor and base- \*  
\* ment will be used for their bakery \*  
\* business, which is to be equipped \*  
\* with modern machinery. \*  
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