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What William J. Bryan Says. APRIL 8, 1899. EDITOR NATIONAL WATCHMAN: I congratulate you upon the splendid work the National Watchman is doing. It is an honest, earnest, able, and fearless exponent of Jeffersonian democracy and deserves a cordial support. I hope that your circulation will increase until you have readers in every precinct in the United States. The people should support the papers that fight the battle of the people. Yours truly, W. J. BRYAN.

He Was Telling Him.

During one of the earliest visits of the royal family to Balmoral Prince Albert, dressed in a simple manner, was crossing one of the Scottish lakes in a steamer and was curious to note everything relating to the management of the vessel and, among many other things, the cooking. Approaching the galley, where a brawny highlander was attending to the culinary matters, he was attracted by the savory odors of a pot of "hodgepodge," which the highlander was preparing.

"What is that?" asked the prince, who was not known to the cook.
"Hodgepodge, sir," was the reply.
"How is it made?" was the next question.
"Why, there's mutton taitt and turnips taitt and carrots taitt and..."
"Yes, yes," said the prince; "but what is taitt?"
The man looked at him, and, seeing that the prince was serious, he replied: "There's mutton taitt and turnips taitt and..."
"Yes, certainly, I know," urged the inquirer, "but what is taitt?"
"Man," yelled the highlander, brandishing his big blade, "am I no tellin ye what's taitt? There's mutton taitt and..."

Here the interview was brought to a close by one of the prince's suit, who fortunately was passing, explaining to his royal highness that "taitt" simply meant "into it" and nothing more.—Exchange.

A Theatrical Puzzle.

"There is something absolutely baffling to understand," said a theatrical manager, "about the perfect regularity of the sizes of audiences for any given play. You know I manage two theaters here in New York. One of them holds about 2,000 people and the other holds about 1,000 people.

"Now, when we have a play that is what we call a great success at the small theater—such a success that we have to turn people away every night—it is almost incredible that the number turned away is not far from 20 each night—that is to say, 1,000 people come and get in and 30 come and cannot get in. And when we have a similar success at the large theater the average number of people turned away is just the same—20 or 30—that is, 2,000 people come and get in and 30 cannot get in.

"Now, to all appearances the one play has made just as big a hit as the other, so why is it that just about 1,000 people want to see the one every night and just about 2,000 people want to see the other every night? Why do the 2,000 never come to the small theater? They never do. Such a thing was never heard of. It's a little section in the law of averages that I never could understand."—New York Tribune.

The First War Correspondent.

As far as can be gathered, the first recognized war correspondent to a newspaper was a man, whose name, unhappily, has sunk into oblivion, at the siege of Antwerp in 1831. Much earlier in the century, though, there was an informal and unrecognized manner a witness named Peter Finerby—one can make a shrewd guess at his nationality—who on his return from the Walcheren expedition told the British public a good deal more about that unfortunate naval and military blunder than the British government of the day cared to have published. There was, too, some really admirable pen and ink work about the Carlist war in the London papers, notably by Frederick Hardman and C. L. Guinness. Mr. Guinness fell into the hands of the Carlists and was about to be shot when he was rescued from his impending fate by the intervention of the late Lord Ranelagh, who had taken service in the cause of Don Carlos de Bourbon.—London Post.

Industry and Success.

"There's nothin like farmin on a hillside," said the man with the faded hair during a pause in the conversation, "if you pick out a good location."
"Do you mean to say," they asked him, "that you ever worked on a hillside farm or anywhere else?"
"Who said anything about workin'?" he rejoined. "I said hillside farmin was all right if you picked out a good location. I had a location right down below a 40 acre farm where a fellow put in one whole summer raisin melons on pumpkins. When they got ripe, they broke off 'em the vine an rolled down on my hand. It was a good deal of bother to gather 'em up, but I done it. Made a pretty good thing out of it too."

It was a narrow escape and nearly cost him his reputation as the laziest man in the crowd.—Chicago Tribune.

Insulted.

"Troubled with insomnia, are you?" said Dr. Parisis after listening to his patient's tale of woe. "Tried all the usual remedies, have you? Well, now suppose you try to read 'The Impressions of a Bohemian.' It's a new book, just out. I tried to read it last night and was asleep in three minutes."
"Sir," replied the patient, with freezing dignity, "I am the author of that book, and I have the honor to wish you a very good evening."

Many Fraudulent Claims.

All the big life insurance companies spend a lot of money each year to prevent fraudulent claims from being paid, and the ingenuity with which some of these claims are planned calls for the very best detective service that the companies can command. They are willing to spend a good deal more than the amount of the policy to expose these frauds.—Indianapolis News.

Nine times out of ten it is over the Bridge of Sighs that we pass the narrow gulf from youth to manhood.

The cheese mite is more tenacious of life than any other insect.

A Forgotten Countersign.

"War with raw recruits in the beginning is apt to lead to many amusing experiences," said the old army officer who saw service in Cuba. "Now, you couldn't ask for better soldiers than we had in Cuba, but a large number of them were new to the business and had much to learn, and much to their credit, it can be said that they soon learned it.

"I had occasion to leave our lines one night soon after we arrived in Cuba, and upon my return it suddenly struck me that I had forgotten the countersign. I puzzled over it for some time, but for the life of me I couldn't recall the word that had been given to me. While I was thinking it over I heard the countersign:

"'Halt! Who comes there?'
'Friend! I answered, thinking that the countersign would come to me in a moment.
'Advance, friend, and give the countersign,' said the sentry.
'As the countersign had slipped from me completely I walked up to him and said sharply:

"'Call the corporal of the guard!'
'Gosh,' answered the sentry, 'I knew it was something like that, but I'm durned if I hadn't forgotten it! Mosey on!'
'I'm 'mosted,' but I took the trouble to look up the corporal of the guard and have him give the sentry further instructions regarding the duties of a sentry."—Detroit Free Press.

Chinese Leather.

The process by which the Chinese leather acquires its peculiar characteristics is described as follows:

The skins are put into tubs containing water, saltpeter and salt and after 30 days are taken out, the hair is shaved off and the skins well washed in spring water. Each hide is then cut up into three pieces and well steamed, which is done by passing them several times backward and forward over a steaming oven. Further, each piece is stretched out separately over a flat board and secured with nails, so as to dry gradually and thoroughly in the sun. The staple of the oven makes the leather black, and if it is desired to have it of a yellow appearance it is rubbed over with water in which the fruit of the so called wongchee tree has been soaked.

Of the official glue is made by heating it in pans for 12 hours over a slow fire, and the glue so obtained is poured into rough earthen vessels, where it remains three days in order to coagulate. The solid mass is cut into pieces with sharp knives and carefully laid upon sharp-edged trays to dry, the time taken in drying varying from 5 days, with a northwest wind, to 30 or 40 days with a southwest.—Boston Transcript.

The Land of the Guitar.

In Portugal men play upon the guitar as naturally as Yankees whistle. The peasants are universally given to the instrument, chiefly as an accompaniment to the voice. In towns and villages the artisans are often expert guitar players and walk in groups to and from their work, enlivening the journey with music and song. The carpenter who comes to your house to execute a small job brings his guitar with his tools, and the blacksmith is a far better performer on the guitar than the anvil.

When the Portuguese day laborer or workman has finished his long day's toil, he does not let him to a winchpost to squander the few cents he has earned; he does not even lean against a post and smoke or whittle a stick while swapping yarns with his fellows. If he did not bring his guitar with him, he goes straight home and gets it, rests and comforts himself with the music while supper is being prepared. Afterward he spends the evening singing dejected songs to a strumming accompaniment, tilted back in a chair against his own house or on the doorstep of a neighbor.—Philadelpia Record.

His Paraphrase.

"You often see the phrase 'Memphis, the Queen of the Valley, God bless her,'" remarked a newspaper man the other day. "The blith of that expression was the wherefore of one of the wittiest things Neil Carmack ever said."
"It was in the life-time of The Appeal-Avalanche and while Mr. Carmack was editor of The Commercial. There was a municipal election of minor importance on hand, and the editor of The Avalanche was just 'happy' enough to do a two column editorial of gush concerning the life and death issues of the election under the sentimental headline 'Memphis, the Queen of the Valley, God Bless Her!'"

Mr. Carmack came out in the morning paper with no other comment on the all important subject under consideration than this epigram, which completely covered the case and made the phrase immortal. "Bless the fool of the Valley, God help him!"—Memphis Schmitz.

At a Disadvantage.

A North Columbus woman has a charming little daughter who is very indiscreet. The other day in the midst of a reception the little girl cried on account of the toothache. Her mother tried to console her.
"There, my darling, don't cry. Your toothache will pass away."
"How will it go away?" replied little Edith, her voice broken with sobs. "I can't take my teeth out like you can, mamma."—Ohio State Journal.

Soap as a Germ Killer.

It has been shown by Koch and others that soap is a microbicide, or germ killer, and, according to Professor Serafini, soda or potash soap is quite a good disinfectant, not only because of the alkalis, but the combination itself. Heating the water favors the effect. Resinous soaps are not the best disinfectants. Marseilles soap is very good. A solution of 3 or 4 per cent kills the most resisting microbes.—Washington Times.

NEWS CONDENSATIONS.

Wednesday, Feb. 23.

CONGRESS—Senate: Hawaiian debate continued. House: Porto Rican tariff bill under discussion. Bromwell (Rep., O.) spoke in opposition to the measure.

William S. Beard, famous as a painter of animals, is dead at New York.

At Chicago Oscar Gardner, the Omaha Kid, and Tommy White fought six fast rounds to a draw.

Marechale MacMahon, widow of the second president of the third republic of France, is dead at Paris.

The house of commons has rejected the motion to reopen the inquiry into the Jameson raid by a vote of 256 to 152.

At a meeting of the Democratic congressional campaign committee James D. Richardson of Tennessee was elected chairman.

The Massachusetts house had its annual debate on woman suffrage Tuesday, resulting in the defeat of the proposition—124 to 32—a larger majority than for many years.

Thursday, Feb. 22.

CONGRESS—Senate: Washington's fare well address read by Foraker. No business transacted. House: Porto Rican debate.

General Harrison Gray Otis has been brevetted major general.

Benjamin Wood, the proprietor of the New York Daily News, is dead.

Dr. James H. Smart, president of Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., is dead.

Lieutenant Governor Woodruff of New York is being boomed for vice president.

Dr. Charles Piazzi Smith, for 43 years astronomer royal for Scotland, is dead, aged 81 years.

Olga Nethersole, playing "Sapho" in New York, has been arrested on the charge of "offending public decency."

The census examining board will leave Washington March 17 for Chicago, where examinations will be held from March 24 to 27 inclusive.

Friday, Feb. 23.

CONGRESS—Senate: Resolution adopted to take up Quay case, 34 to 28. House: Porto Rican debate continued. Littlefield (Mc.) made eloquent speech against proposed tariff.

Dan Rice, the veteran circus man, is dead.

A Rome dispatch says Pope Leo is in the enjoyment of excellent health. At St. Peter's he blessed 15,000 Italian pilgrims.

Joachim Groetchow died Thursday, aged 75 years. He located at New Ulm in 1855 with the first colony of settlers and was one of the defenders there during the siege of '62.

A Hong Kong telegram says United States Consul Wildman has information that three members of the Filipino junta—Linau, Ponce and Agoncillo, brother of the envoy—left recently for Japan to meet Aguinaldo.

Saturday, Feb. 24.

CONGRESS—Senate: Quay case went over for a day. Hawaiian bill discussed. House: Day devoted to Porto Rican tariff speeches.

The national Democratic convention will be held at Kansas City, July 4.

Harry Miner, the theatrical manager, dropped dead of apoplexy at his home in New York.

Congressman Overstreet, author of the house financial bill, has been renominated by Seventh Indiana district Republicans.

General John McNulta of Chicago, well known throughout the West because of his identification with the receiverships of railroads and other great corporations, died suddenly Friday evening.

The steamship American Marn brings advices that the plague has broken out in other cities in the Hawaiian group. Seven cases are reported at Kahuhi and one at Hilo. The situation at Honolulu is better.

Sunday, Feb. 26.

CONGRESS—Senate: Quay case until 3 p. m. Hawaiian discussion balance of day. House: Porto Rican tariff debate. Bimetals will hold a convention at Kansas City July 4.

President Adams of the Wisconsin university is critically ill.

Representative Gamble of South Dakota has announced his candidacy for the senate to succeed Pittgreav.

It is proposed to hold a national pro-Boer conference in Detroit in the interest of mediation and arbitration.

ORDER TO EXAMINE ACCO- TS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

COUNTY OF MORRISON.

In Probate Court, Special Term, February 13, 1900.

In the matter of the estate of Andrew Schmeisser, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Peter Vermig, administrator of the estate of Andrew Schmeisser, deceased, representing among other things, that he has fully administered said estate, and has in good faith paid certain debts and claims against said estate which have not been proved, nor allowed, and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing his account of his administration, including said debts and claims so paid by him, and for the assignment of the residue of said estate to the parties entitled thereto by law.

It is ordered, that said account be examined, and petition and application for the allowance of said claims and debts so paid by him and not allowed according to law be heard by this court, on Saturday, the 17th day of March, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Probate Office in the city of Little Falls in said county.

And it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by forthwith publishing this order once in each week for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing in the Little Falls Herald, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Little Falls in said county.

Dated at Little Falls the 13th day of February, A. D. 1900.

By the Court,
N. RICHARDSON,
Judge of Probate.

ORDER FOR HEARING PROOF OF WILL

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

COUNTY OF MORRISON.

In Probate Court,

Special Term, February 6, 1900.

In the matter of the estate of Olof L. Swanson, deceased.

Whereas, An instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Olof L. Swanson, deceased, late of said county, has been delivered to this court; and whereas, Peter Hauling has filed, therewith his petition, representing, among other things, that said Olof L. Swanson died in said county on the 23rd day of January, 1900, testate, and that said petitioner is a legatee named in said last will and testament, and praying that the said instrument may be admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary be to him issued, the executor named in said will issued.

It is ordered, that the proofs of said instrument, and said petition, be heard before this court, at the Probate Office in said county, on Saturday, the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when all other persons interested may appear for or against the probate of said instrument.

And it is further ordered, that notice of this order be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order once in each week for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing in the Little Falls Herald, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Little Falls in said county.

Dated at Little Falls, the 6th day of February, A. D. 1900.

By the Court,
N. RICHARDSON,
Judge of Probate.

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given that Bernhard Gross has filed with the recorder of the village of Pierz, his application for license, granting him the right to sell intoxicating liquors in the north room and on the first floor of the hotel building situate on lot two (2) block two (2) in the village of Pierz, Morrison county, Minnesota. Said license to be granted for the period of one year, commencing on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1900, and terminating on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1901. He offers to agree to obey all the laws of the state and ordinances of the village of Pierz, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors. Said application will be considered at a meeting of the village council to be held at village hall, Monday, the 5th day of March, A. D. 1900, at 8 o'clock p. m. All persons who may have reasons to object to the granting of such license are hereby notified to appear at such time and place and exhibit their reasons.

Dated, Pierz, February 15th, 1900.

(SEAL) A. SIZEMAN,
Recorder.

ORDER TO EXAMINE ACCOUNTS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

COUNTY OF MORRISON.

In Probate Court, Special Term, February 17, 1900.

In the Matter of the Estate of James M. Gish, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of William S. Gish, administrator of the estate of James M. Gish, deceased, representing among other things, that he has fully administered said estate, and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing his account of his administration, and for the assignment of the residue of said estate to the parties entitled thereto by law.

It is ordered, that said account be examined, and petition be heard by this court, on Saturday, the 17th day of March, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Probate Office in Little Falls in said county.

And it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing this order once in each week for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing, in the Little Falls Herald, a weekly newspaper, printed and published at Little Falls in said county.

Dated February 17th, 1900, Little Falls, Morrison county, Minn.

By the Court,
N. RICHARDSON,
Judge of Probate.

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NEWS IN MINNESOTA.

A rifle range for Fort Snelling will be established at Frontenac.

Minnesota retail grocers will meet next February at Stillwater.

W. O. Hillman of St. Paul has won the state chess championship.

The St. Paul high school won in the state interscholastic contests in Minneapolis.

Mrs. W. P. Jewett of St. Paul has been chosen one of the vice presidents of the D. A. R.

Minnesota grocers, in convention at Winona voted to uphold the state baking powder law.

Police Captain A. M. Lowell, one of the oldest officers of the St. Paul force, died in California Friday.

An order has been issued establishing a postoffice at Northport, Martin county, with Orville Merritt, postmaster.

Dr. Morell of Slayton has been appointed assistant army surgeon and will soon leave for service in the Philippines.

The annual encampment of the department of Minnesota G. A. R. began at Minneapolis Wednesday morning. There is a good attendance.

The secretary of the interior approved for patent to Minnesota on account of the swamp land grants 16,460 acres of land in the Duluth land district.

The members of the Fifteenth Minnesota regiment, for so long imprisoned at Fort Marion, St. Augustine, Fla., have been transferred to Fort Monroe, Va.

It developed that one of the soldiers, William White, whom the Winona police picked up on Saturday morning, is a deserter from Fort Snelling. He will be taken back.

Representative Morris Monday called up in the house and had passed the bill extending the time four years for the completing of the dam and bridge across the Mississippi river at Grand Rapids, Minn.

Authority has been granted for the organization of the First National bank of Montevideo, Capital, \$50,000. C. D. Griffith, W. Smith, M. E. Tirus, Lyndon A. Smith and E. Berzold are the incorporators.

The Northern Pacific road will build a new dock at Duluth 230 by 750 feet, and erect warehouses thereon for local lake and rail traffic. It will also improve a dock 230 by 150 feet adjoining the Northern Steamship company's local terminals.

Superintendents Coleman of Anoka and Carmichael of Hastings have been visiting Wisconsin county asylums to get pointers as to the best method of caring for their charges, who will be similar in character to those in the county institutions of the sister state.

The ninth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's association is being held at Minneapolis this week. The bureau of grades, the price list committee, the railroad committee and the committee on trade relations reported matters of interest to the convention.

The work of recounting the ballots cast in the late city election at Duluth is in progress. Twenty ballots were laid aside the first day for the inspection of the court; two about which there is most question were for Hugo. The names of the voters that cast them were written on them.

This March apportionment is being made up. Preliminary figures show that there is \$335,000 in the state school fund now and it is estimated that the spring tax collections available for this distribution will come to \$75,000 more. That allows a per capita of \$1.25. The largest spring apportionment heretofore was \$1, two years ago.

Colonel W. S. King of Minneapolis died at 2:15 a. m. Monday. He had been growing worse for 48 hours previous to his death and the end was not unexpected. Colonel King was one of the most prominent men in Minnesota. His public zeal in behalf of the Twin Cities and everything that benefitted Minnesota gave him wide-spread popularity.

Deputy Game Warden Henry Meyer has made another confiscation of a trunk load of contraband goods at the Union depot, St. Paul. He seized a zinc-covered trunk, of rather small size and not in the least suspicious looking to the ordinary observer. But the casket contained, however, 32 pheasants, 6 skunk pelts, several wolf skins and one muskrat skin.

A bill has been prepared by Representative McCleary setting aside the land embraced in Fort Ridgely for a national park, for the benefit of soldiers and sailors of the United States. The proposed park will also embrace the cemetery adjacent to the fort. Mr. McCleary does not expect action on the measure at this session, but will offer it at this time in order that it may obtain early consideration.

PREVIOUS RECORD BROKEN.

Lake Traffic at Duluth and Superior for the Past Year.

DULUTH, Feb. 28.—Major Sears, government engineer of Lake Superior harbors, has just completed a tabulation of lake traffic at Duluth and Superior for the past year, giving quantity and valuations. His reports are concededly far more correct than those of the customs-houses and are supposed to be as near right as can be.

He shows the value of receipts by water for the year at Duluth to have been \$21,265,000; shipments, \$59,486,000; Superior, \$16,889,000, and \$57,464,000; total, Duluth and Superior combined, \$157,144,000, which is the largest sum of any year, and \$62,000,000 greater than for 1895. To the figures for Duluth should be added about \$9,000,000 receipts and shipments at Two Harbors, a suburb.