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WHY VEST HAS GONE SOUTH.

Does Not Want to Vote Against Seating His Friend Quay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 26.—Senator Vest has gone to Florida. The Senator's friends say he has gone for a rest and to recuperate. There are some, however, who suggest a different explanation of the Senator's departure at this time. While Senator Vest is undoubtedly feeble, it is nevertheless a fact that he has been stronger recently than for a year past. His increase in vigor has been demonstrated by his increased activity in the Senate. On several occasions within the past few weeks he has spoken at length. There are some, therefore, who do not believe the Senator left Washington at this time because of consideration for his health. They believe he went away that, by his absence, he might help Quay to be seated.

The friendship between Vest and Quay is of long standing. For years past it has been their custom to spend their vacations together in Florida. While differing so radically politically, the strongest personal attachment exists between the senior Missouri Republican and the Pennsylvania Republican leader. Vest has never hesitated to say privately that he hoped Senator Quay would be seated. If he consulted his personal wishes, undoubtedly he would like to vote for Quay. But, unfortunately for his present disposition in the Quay case, Senator Vest has a record against seating appointees of Governors, appointed under such circumstances as Quay's appointment was made.

Senator Vest could not vote to seat Quay without absolute and humiliating justification. At the same time, his friendship for Quay is such that he does not want to see him turned down. In this perplexing situation the only course open to the Senator by which he could show friendship to Quay and not stultify himself was to leave Washington. This he done, and Quay's friends are confident that when the vote on his case is taken the senior Missouri Senator will not be paired against him.

Three Doctors in Consultation.

From Benjamin Franklin.
"When you are sick, what you like best is to be chosen for a medicine in the first place; what experience tells you is best, to be chosen in the second place; what reason (i. e. Theory) says is best, to be chosen in the last place. But if you can get Dr. Inclination, Dr. Experience and Dr. Reason to hold a consultation together, they will give you the best advice that can be taken."

When you have a bad cold Dr. Inclination would recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy because it is pleasant and safe to take. Dr. Experience would recommend it because it never fails to effect a speedy and permanent cure. Dr. Reason would recommend it because it is prepared on scientific principles, and acts on nature's plan in relieving the lungs, opening the secretions and restoring the system to a natural and healthy condition. For sale by I. Ben Miller.

Judge Burrough's Decision Affirmed.

The St. Louis Court of Appeals has affirmed the decision of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas in the case of Hartley vs. Evans. The case was brought to the Common Pleas Court on change of venue, and was tried before Judge Burrough. Evans is the sheriff of Stoddard county, and the suit was for damages against Evans for false imprisonment. Hartley was given a judgment, and now the Court of Appeals affirms the judgment. The sheriff and his bondsmen will now have to "dig up."

A Queer (r) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skillful physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure.

Scholarship Free.

You may, by doing little writing at your home, secure scholarship, free, in either Draughon's Practical Business Colleges—Nashville, St. Louis, Little Rock, Ft. Worth, Galveston, Shreveport or Savannah. Best patronized Business Colleges in the South. For particulars address, The Illustrated Youth and Age, Nashville, Tenn.

A Life for 50c.

Many people have been cured of Kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure.

Turning Bryan Down.

It will be noticed that that "early convention" idea of Candidate Bryan was promptly vetoed by the Democratic National Committee. He wanted to have his convention meet two or three weeks before the Republican assembly. The committee selected a date two weeks after the Republican gathering. By meeting earlier than its opponent the Democracy could command a far greater interest for its convention than it can now have. Moreover, the early meeting would show a courage and a confidence which would appeal to the popular imagination. All these considerations Bryan undoubtedly had in his mind. The committee, however, refused to be impressed by that sort of reasoning.

According to the gossips, moreover, the meeting of the committee was anti-Bryanite in other particulars. A strong disinclination, it is said, was shown by a majority of the committee toward the reaffirmation of the platform of 1896 by the convention of 1900. Many of the committees are said to be personally hostile to Bryan's nomination this year, though they believe that their opposition can accomplish nothing, and, consequently, they are indisposed toward making any open fight against him. These committees would change both the platform of four years ago and the candidate of that time, if they could. They foresee defeat under either or both.

The reports of hostility to Bryan by the shrewder heads of his party have been heard before. It is pretty well understood, for example, that Stone and Altgeld are both personally unfavorable to the re-nomination of the candidate of 1896. Both see that his acceptance by their party this year will bring overwhelming defeat. They know that the masses of their party would follow, and, therefore, they acquiesce in the choice, even though it makes disaster inevitable. This divergence between the leaders and the rank and file of a party has not been altogether unknown in the past. But the spectacle of great political leaders allowing their party to rush toward destruction, as the Democracy under Bryan's doing, without raising a hand to prevent it, is a new manifestation to American politics.—Globe-Democrat.

August Flower.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at W. H. Coerver. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

Convention of Bimetallists.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Judge A. W. Rucker, of Denver, Colo., president of the United States Monetary League, has been in Washington for several days conferring with the leading bimetallists throughout the country, with the view of getting their opinion concerning the propriety of holding a national convention of bimetallists at some time in the future. It is now definitely determined that such a convention will be held at Kansas City on the 4th day of July. It is expected that some 600 or 800 delegates will be in attendance from all the States and Territories in the Union. A committee has been chosen to confer with the local committee at Kansas City for the purpose of securing accommodations for the guests.

Coughed 25 Years.

I suffered for 25 years with a cough and spent hundreds of dollars with doctors and for medicine to no avail until I used Dr. Beil's Pine-Tar-Honey. This remedy makes weak lungs strong. It has saved my life.—J. B. Rosell, Grantsburg, Ill.

The Eagle, King of all Birds.

A note on its keen sight, clear and distinct vision. So are those persons who use Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve for weak eyes, styes, sore eyes of any kind or granulated lids. Sold by all druggists at 25 cents.

Bargains in Millinery.

For one week, beginning Monday, January 15, I will sell my entire stock of stamped goods at a great reduction. Millinery all goes regardless of cost. A. NIE D. SPEAK.

7,000 MEN.

The Number Sacrificed.

By Buller in Relieving Ladysmith.

LONDON, March 1.—Buller's relief of Ladysmith came in the nick of time. Despite the cheerful heliographs, the beleaguered garrison was in dire straits. Only the belief that relief was sure this time apparently enabled the garrison to hold out.

Private reports from Ladysmith show that the garrison was not only short of food, but that the water on which they depended was poison. Tea made from it was thick with stringy sediment, which was nothing less than sewerage from the Boer camp.

The few spots sheltered from the bombardment were speedily polluted, and those who escaped fever or dysentery were in a wretched physical condition.

For a long time the garrison has subsisted on horse and mule flesh. Luxuries were beyond the means of the majority. Eggs were \$9 a dozen; a can of milk cost \$2; tobacco was \$25 a pound, and a case of whiskey was raffled off for \$700.

The number of men within the lines at Ladysmith were reported early in February at 17,000, of whom 9,000 were civilians and 8,000 soldiers. Ladysmith has been besieged almost exactly four months. Wire communication with the place was cut by the Boers November 2.

The relief of Ladysmith has been costly. The first attempt by Buller to cross the Tugela December 15 was made at a sacrifice of 1,100 men. The two subsequent attempts on the Upper Tugela cost upwards of 2,000 men, and in the last and successful attempt the estimated British loss was 4,000. This makes a grand total of about 7,000.

Some idea of the obstacles with which Buller contended can be had in the following from a Colenso correspondent. He writes:

"No pen can describe the difficulties. Ridge after ridge, like the waves of the sea. Each can be inflamed by the enemy, and until one is taken it is impossible even with the keenest scouting to know what fortune lies beyond.

"To add to the difficulties the tropical rainy season has set in. For twelve hours uniforms of men clung to them like wet seaweed. The mud caught them under foot and the mist closed down and shut out the position of the enemy. This discomfort is borne by all alike. Gen. Buller and his staff are virtually living lives of privates. There has not been even a tent to cover the commanding Generals. They eat from their knees, with their shoulders against a rock and sleep where they can."

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idarville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life. Only 50 cents at I. Ben Miller's drugstore. Every bottle guaranteed. 3

Suggestive Hints.

It is perhaps not generally known that turkey quills have a positive market value. They may be sorted and sold separately according to variety, or they may be sold just as they come from the turkey.

The word fleece as applied to poultry dressing, is comparatively a new term. It indicates the wing, tail, pointer and body feathers, all of which should be saved, as they have a market value.

When dressing your turkeys save the quills, for they may be sold at a handsome profit.

Red Hot From the Gun.

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the civil war. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 25 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures cuts, bruises, burns, boils, felons, corns, skin eruptions. Best apple cure on earth. 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by I. Ben Miller, druggist. 3

NO MORE GOEBELISM.

Congress to Be Asked to Amend National Election Laws.

FRANKFORT, Ky., February 28.—The Republican joint caucus of the Legislature met this evening, and after a long discussion concerning election laws in the South, and particularly the Goebel election law in this state, decided to take the initiative in a movement to bring the matter before Congress. The purpose is to call a convention in which the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina and South Carolina are to take part, at which convention action is to be taken memorializing Congress to amend the national election laws so as to take out of the hands of the election machinery of the various state governments the details of at least congressional and presidential elections.

The caucus convened at 6 o'clock and several prominent Republican leaders, in addition to the Republican members of both houses, were present. National Committeeman John W. Yerkes was among the leaders present and made a speech. The speakers declared that the election laws in the states mentioned practically amount to disfranchisement of the Republican voters living in those states, and the call for the convention will invite all persons who oppose partisan election laws to participate in it. State Senators Cox and Howard and Representative Stack were named as a committee to take the matter up and secure the co-operation of Republicans in the states named and all over the country and interest them in the movement in favor of election reform.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs are surely cured by it. Call on I. Ben Miller, druggist, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded. 3

In New Quarters.

William Oberheide has purchased a complete outfit of new fixtures, and moved his place of business into the big store room in the Rabich building one door east of his old stand. He now has one of the finest saloons in Southeast Missouri fitted up with the latest up-to-date fixtures. Saturday night Mr. Oberheide will serve a grand opening lunch and he would be pleased to have all his friends call and see his new place of business.

Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by I. Ben Miller. 3

After an Absence of Nearly Two Years John Reynolds Returns Home.

John F. Reynolds has returned to his home and wife. Mr. Reynolds left this city nearly two years ago. He was a member of the City Council from the fourth ward when he left. His departure was a surprise for it seems he told no one of his intention to leave.

Thursday he stepped off the evening train and went straight to his home.

Have You Had the Grip?

If you e, you probably need reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough-incidental to this disease.

"Anti-Imperialism" Summarized.

The whole anti-imperialist movement is seen and summarized in this account of the reading by Boston school children essays for which prizes had been offered by Atkinson, Bradford, Garrison and the three or four other Massachusetts anti-imperialists.

"Their papers were heartily applauded by the few people present." The few people present heartily applauded one another; that's the true effigy of anti-imperialist meetings.—New York Sun.

Pertinent Questions.

Macrum now exhibits proof—so the dispatches say—that the official mail was tampered with by the British censor, months ago. If this is a fact why did Macrum not officially report it, at the time of its occurrence? Why did he loaf about Washington and East Liverpool, O., where he lives, for three weeks after his returning before he reported the alleged raping of his mail? Why did he then mander his charges through two columns of a newspaper, instead of reporting to the Secretary of State? Why is it he now hunts up a correspondent of the Associated Press, when it is his plain duty to tell his story to the department? This man, for a long time, had behaved like a frightened imbecile. He has lately been acting the part of a shallow notoriety seeker.—Chatanooga Times.

How to Prevent Croup.

We have two children who are subject to attacks of croup. Whenever an attack is coming on my wife gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it always prevents the attack. It is a household necessity in this country and no matter what else we run out of, it would not do to be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. More of it is sold here than of all other cough medicines combined.—J. M. Nickle, of Nickle Bros., merchants, Nickleville, Pa. For sale by I. Ben Miller.

The "Innocent Bystander."

She was born in old Kentucky,
Where the ballot box I stuffed;
Where
The gentle poker player Never yet
Was really bluffed,
Where the rivers murmur Sweetly,
And
The meadow grass is blue
And the doubt dispelling Shotgun
Sends conviction Into you;
Where the sky is ever lovely, and
The sweetest songs are Sung,
And the Innocent bystander Gets
A bullet in his Lung.
Where the ladies all are Pretty
And
The gentlemen are brave;
Where the Just-observed bystander Gets a decorated Grave;
Where they Drop their r's so Softly
When they hold a Chat with you,
And the Innocent bystander Often has
To be dropped Too.
Where the Candidate who's beaten Rises up
And says he's not, When upon the Said Bystander Carries off a load of shot.
Where the breeze Is ever Singing through the-leaves A serenade;
And you See the constant Flashing Of the bowie's gleaming blade!
O, she's down there In Kentucky,
Waiting Till I come for her,
But
As long as things are
This way From this spot I'll never Stir.
I must leave her in Kentucky—
Thitherward I'll not Meander—
I am not afraid
But I am
Just an Innocent bystander.
—Baltimore-American.

Too Much Formality.

A number of sermons lately announced that the influence of the pulpit is waning. That has been noted by outsiders for many years. There is too much formality and not enough real Christian spirit in many of the pulpits. They are time servers; they preach to the charge that will pay the largest salary; they scheme to get put over the richest congregations; they preach to please rather than to instruct; they talk of non-essentials rather than social duties; they tell of things in the long ago rather than how man should live and act to-day; they close their eyes to the various forms of usury (profit, interest and rent) and extend the glad hand to those who live by these means if they will only contribute liberally. Not all preachers are of this kind, but so many are that the character has been estimated by this standard, and the people have fallen away from the church, and you will hear remarks of this kind made in almost any gathering when the subject turns on religion. It is not said in the presence of the cloth, out of that respect men have for the feelings of another, but it is there and consequently the church has lost its influence and power. People go to church largely out of habit and to see who is there, but the Christian spirit has fled the house.

Work Eyes Made Strong.

dim vision made clear, styes removed and granulated lids or sore eyes of any kind speedily and effectually cured by the use of Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve. It's put up in tubes, and sold on a guarantee by all good druggists.

A Home-Spun Definition.

A 12-year-old lad who attends the public schools was awarded a new bicycle the other day for his brightness in giving a definition. He was at home with the rest of the children studying for the next day's work at school. The father conceived the notion of having a class, so he lined the children in front of him and began to give out words to be spelled and defined. He reached the word "appetite." That was too hard for them. One after another passed it, and all were about to give up.

"John, you know what that is," said the father, coaching the lad. "What is the difference in your feelings when you sit down to a big dinner and when you finish?"

"I know now," said the boy, his eye beaming and his fingers snapping for fear some of the others would answer it first. "When I sit down I am happy and when I get up I am tight. That makes it—happy tight.—Memphis Scimitar.

Free of Charge.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at W. H. Coerver, will be presented with a sample bottle of Boschee's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person, and none to children without order from parents.

No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Boschee's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away, and your druggists will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung Remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75 cent bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries. ma20c5

The Ideal and the Real.

She was a kindly faced woman, and it was easy to see that she was bubbling over with love for the little folk. She walked modestly into the office of the city editor and inquired:

"Will you please tell me which one of the staff it is that writes all those pretty little stories about children? I know he must love the little folks, because he writes such nice stories about them. I want to tell him a precious little story about my darling boy who is only—"

"That's the man over there," interrupted the city editor. "Which one, pray?" "That one with the corn-b pipe in his mouth and swearing at the office boy."—Omaha World-Herald.

The Best Remedy for Flux.

Mr. John Mathias, a well known stock dealer of Pulaski, Ky., says: "After suffering for over a week with flux, and my physician having failed to relieve me, I was advised to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have the pleasure of stating that the half of one bottle cured me." For sale by I. Ben Miller.

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Rev. C. F. Brooks

says that his little girl is troubled with malaria very severely, and that since he gave her Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve, she has never been troubled with it again. He has since been to his summer resort without a few bottles, for they always cure his family, and are far superior to quinine.