

ONLY HAIT ON FORM

Call for Census Grows More Popular Among Republican Legislators.

DIFFER NOW ONLY REGARDING TERMS

Conditions of the Agreement Have Not Yet Been Decided On.

EXPEDIENCY NO LONGER IN DOUBT

Early Election of Senators Means Much to Future Party Success.

MATTER IS BEING EARNESTLY DEBATED

Members Are More Inclined to Get Together and Settle the Senatorial Question Before Open Balloting Begins.

LINCOLN, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Indisputable evidence is at hand that the demand for a senatorial caucus will soon take tangible form. The conference of candidates is only one of the preliminary steps and while a few members of the legislature are opposed to any caucus for the present, they are in a decidedly lonely minority.

On the other hand, the demand for an early caucus receives reinforcement on all sides. Speaking of this matter, Chairman Lindsay of the republican state committee said: "I am carefully refraining from any participation in a senatorial contest because I do not believe anyone connected with the committee in an official capacity can take a hand in it with justice to the party."

Points Under Consideration. The chief points under consideration at the conference were those discussed in The Bee's editorial on the question of caucus. As to the open roll call or secret ballot, the consensus of opinion favored the roll call, enabling everyone to go on record. The plan of optional ballot adopted two years ago, leaving each member the right to call on his name to answer viva voce or to deposit a written ballot in the box, was brought up, but was passed by without serious consideration.

As to the number of votes required for a nomination, divergent views are maintained. Some want merely a simple majority to govern, while one sought a limit as high as three-fourths, on the charge of having accepted a bribe from Mr. Holston, the contractor for the construction of the locks and other buildings at Fort Morgan, Ala. Instructions were sent to General Brooke, at New York, commanding the Department of the East, to send an officer of his department to Mobile at once for the purpose of investigating the case, with a view to determining whether Captain King shall be tried by the civil authorities or by a court-martial.

Colonel J. W. Closs probably will be sent. An order also has been issued to Captain King relieving him of his duties in Alabama.

WAR DEPARTMENT BELIEVES SUSPECTED OFFICER FROM DUTY AND ORDERS INVESTIGATION. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Action was taken by the War department today in the case of Captain C. W. King, assistant quartermaster United States volunteers, recently arrested at Mobile, Ala., on the charge of having accepted a bribe from Mr. Holston, the contractor for the construction of the locks and other buildings at Fort Morgan, Ala. Instructions were sent to General Brooke, at New York, commanding the Department of the East, to send an officer of his department to Mobile at once for the purpose of investigating the case, with a view to determining whether Captain King shall be tried by the civil authorities or by a court-martial.

EARL LI PRAISES AMERICANS. Venerable Statesman Expresses His Appreciation of Soldierly Qualities of Tillson's Men. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The War department today made public the correspondence between Li Hung Chang and Captain C. W. Tillson, Fourteenth Infantry, provost marshal at Pekin, in regard to the manner in which the latter had performed his duty in Pekin. Under date of last November Earl Li's address to Captain Tillson was as follows: "On behalf of the inhabitants and gentry of that part of the Chinese quarter in the city of Pekin, at present under the military jurisdiction of the United States army, I have pleasure in presenting this testimonial of appreciation and thanks to John C. Tillson, captain, Fourteenth Infantry, United States Army, American member of the International Police Commissioners and provost army American district, Chinese city in Pekin, for the able and efficient manner in which he has performed his duty and protected their lives and property."

BULLET HOLE IN HIS TEMPLE. Chicago School Boy Found in Public Park Under Mysterious Circumstances. CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The body of Charles A. Shedd, the 18-year-old son of William J. Shedd, superintendent of the Knickerbocker Ice company, was found in Washington park today with a bullet hole in his right temple. Young Shedd was taken to a hospital at night for Fairmount, Minn., where he was to attend the Shattuck military school and he left his home at 4023 Vincennes avenue last night, ostensibly for that purpose.

Some mystery surrounds the case. The police believe that young Shedd committed suicide. The parents and friends of the boy, however, believe he was murdered and robbed, as the suit case, with which he started from home, is missing.

PRIEST DRUGGED TO DEATH

My Father-in-Law, Rev. Father Riegel, in New York at Last.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Rev. Father Riegel, alias "Father Bob," who was arrested in Philadelphia for complicity in the murder of a prominent priest of the Roman Catholic church, was arrested in this city tonight. Bryan has a saloon on North Eighth street, Philadelphia. When he was arrested tonight he made a confession to Captain Titus of the detective bureau implicating several others whose names were not divulged. The story told by Captain Titus concerning Bryan's confession is that on Friday night last, there went to Bryan's place, which was his home, a man who was with him by the name of Bryan, but which was withheld by Captain Titus, accompanied by three companions, one a priest, Rev. Father Riegel. The latter was very much intoxicated. The four men went to a saloon and the man who was with the priest always insisted on paying. Each time he paid he displayed a large roll of bills. He was so intoxicated that he dropped some of the money on the floor. The men struck his hands and made him drop more. Bryan admits getting \$19 in that manner and asserts that others got more of it. This continued for some time, when one of the men left the room and returned with a small vial which Bryan says was filled with laudanum and chloroform. Two glasses of beer were poured, one of which was drugged. Bryan said that after the priest had taken the beer the man who had drugged it admitted he was "a job" the priest. Bryan said he would allow the man to go, but the man took the priest out of the room. He says he knew nothing further about the affair until Saturday, when he was told that the body of the priest had been found in the bay.

MADE IT MERRY FOR SHIPPERS. Transmissorial Railroads Decide to Charge for Unloading and Storing Carload Freight. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 9.—After February 1 transmissorial lines will charge shippers for unloading and storing carload freight at points where there are no public warehouses. The charges to be made are three-quarters of a cent for 100 pounds for unloading and one-quarter of a cent for 100 pounds a day for storage.

Future of Union Pacific. If Not Actually Leased to Northwestern Transmissorial Line Will Have Extremely Close Relations. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The Mail and Express says: William K. Vanderbilt's plan for the welding together of the Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern railroads, which he conceived more than a year ago, is now about to be carried out. When it is completed it will be found that the Vanderbilts have a through transcontinental line of their own from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean.

Messages are significant. DeLassé's Words to Russian Minister Add to Gossip About Franco-Russian Alliance. PARIS, Jan. 9.—In view of the statements of the anti-press, corroborated by the utterances of the Novoe Vremya of St. Petersburg, that the Franco-Russian alliance is practically ended, the messages passing today between the French and Russian ministers, DeLassé, and the Russian minister of foreign affairs, Count Lamsdorff, attain more than usual significance. M. DeLassé, congratulating Count Lamsdorff on his appointment as minister of foreign affairs, recalls their close personal friendship, which he believes will be utilized for the common interests of their countries. Count Lamsdorff expresses a sincere desire to contribute to the consolidation of the unalterable friendship which has united the two countries.

Stir up the Pacific stocks. Wall Street Traders Give Both Union and Missouri a Lively Manipulation. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Speculative excitement was renewed on the Stock exchange today under the influence of violent upward movement in Missouri Pacific and some other stocks. The resumption of the Missouri Pacific for the advance made itself manifest first in Union Pacific. The rush to buy this stock made the opening transactions run up to 25,000 shares at an extreme advance of 1. There was also a wide opening in Missouri Pacific, but the large selling to realize forced the price back 3/4 under last night. An enormous demand then developed, which carried the price upward to the buying tide to 3 3/8, thus crossing Union Pacific. The stock then fell back.

Lincoln man for Adjutant General. SIOUX FALLS, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Major James Drain, a republican, formerly of Lincoln, Neb., has been named by Governor Rogers for adjutant general of the Washington National Guard.

SPENDS DAY IN WALL STREET

Magnate James J. Hill of Great Northern Retains Financiers to Talking.

Consolidation for the Purpose of Economical Administration. Proposed Best Method of All Business Enterprises. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—James J. Hill, in an interview today, outlined today what he intended to do in the great railroad "community of interests" are trying to accomplish. Instead of a combination of great railroads under one system, he said, he was trying to bring about an agreement between certain big systems of the north, by which "friction" would be prevented and the roads operated more economically. He denied that he was here to see J. P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller. The day brought no development in the unfolding of the plans of the Hill-Morgan-Rockefeller combine. The plans of the Northern Pacific directors did nothing more important, it was announced, than to declare the regular 1 per cent quarterly dividend. Vice President Lament was in close conference with the directors of the Northern Pacific and associates of Mr. Hill and developments are expected soon.

Mr. Hill was in Wall street all day. James Stillman, president of the National City bank, the depository of the Standard Oil company, was one of his callers.

"My plans have been greatly exaggerated and a great deal that is untrue has been published about what I intend to do," said Mr. Hill. "I don't contemplate any great deal such as has been attributed to me. I did not come to New York to see Mr. Morgan. I have not seen Mr. Morgan today and have no engagement either to see him today or tomorrow."

"One of the many objects of my trip is to consult with the contractors who are building two steamships at New London for my traffic. We need a large fleet for our lake trade, as it is growing very rapidly, and we are having two splendid vessels constructed. I am trying to bring about agreements between the western roads which will prevent friction and make the operations of the line more economical—in other words, an understanding by which they may save money. The less friction there is among railroads the better it will be for all of us."

"I am a believer in railroad consolidation when it is advantageous. It is the inevitable policy of the roads sooner or later. Railroads, like all other lines of business, should be run as economically as possible. However, my plans have been so greatly misrepresented that I have made up my mind that silence is the best policy."

Mr. Hill did not attend the meeting of the Northern Pacific directors, but he saw Mr. Lament just afterwards.

Mr. Hill went down town from the Hotel Netherlands at 1 o'clock. He spent two busy hours at his office and received among other callers J. H. Schiff, who is deeply interested in Union Pacific, and K. H. Harriman, chairman of the advisory board of the western roads.

Just after noon Mr. Hill attended a directors' meeting at the Chase National bank and later in the afternoon he met A. B. Hopburn, vice president of the bank.

DIFFERIN STEMS THE TIDE

Clamor of Stockholders of London & Globe silenced for a Time at Least.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Amidst cries of "Turn him out!" hostings and other hostile interruptions, the marquis of Devon and chairman of the suspended London & Globe Finance corporation, limited, at the extraordinary meeting of the company called for today, succeeded in at least temporarily appeasing the wrath of the shareholders.

Lord Dufferin spoke with evident emotion as he explained his personal relations with the corporation and the result of the meeting. He said that he had been elected chairman of the corporation and he wanted to withdraw, but was haunted by the fear of the detrimental effect of his withdrawal and held on to the chairmanship until he received news of the serious condition of his youngest son, when he yielded to the marquis's prayer to take her at once to South Africa, and he sent in his resignation with a clear conscience, believing that the surrender of his position under such circumstances was so natural that no one would dream of placing a sinister interpretation on it.

Lord Dufferin, who was deeply moved, declared that the patience and generosity with which the shareholders had heard him would be one of the brightest in his future life. He resumed his seat amidst loud cheers.

Whitaker Wright's reception was of a mixed character. He announced that the directors had practically arranged with the creditors and that the company would be reorganized in the future. It was necessary, he added, to adjourn until Monday, when he believed, the shareholders would hear that all their interests were safe and that a scheme for the reconstruction of the company would be proposed, including the future of the corporation.

Mr. Wright's further remarks were listened to with considerable impatience and the meeting closed with louder cheers for Lord and Lady Dufferin.

BUELOW IS FARMERS' FRIEND

Chancellor Says He Would Not Support Canal Bill if Deleterious to Agriculture. BERLIN, Jan. 9.—The imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, in the lower house of the Diet today, strongly supported the claim for the protection of agriculture. He said: "I consider the foremost duty of the government to effect a reconciliation in the existing economic difficulties and the adjustment of the varying interests, supporting those who are unable to help themselves through their own strength, and to shield by the opinion that when one member of a social body suffers, all the members suffer, especially that as long as such an important vocation as agriculture is unhealthful the entire organization must be undermined."

"I am convinced that it is the duty of the government to afford trade, industry and agriculture an equal measure of protection, but that one of them, agriculture, absolutely needs stronger protection. It is the pursuit of this principle, even-handed justice that the bill for the completion and improvement of the canal has been drawn up. If the measure favored industry at the expense of agriculture or the west monetary to the detriment of the east, I would not have supported it."

The conservatives are jubilant over the references to protection and agriculture, understanding these to be a pledge of higher rates for the east. It is declared to have been supported.

The Lok Anzeiger considers the imperial chancellor's debut in the Diet as successful as it was in the Reichstag.

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It is noted that the two words "alliance" or "allies" are not contained in the dispatches.

Vickers Implies Corroboration. Vickers Implies Corroboration. LONDON, Jan. 9.—Albert Vickers allows the inference to be drawn that a combination of the Vickers-Maxim company with the Camps of Philadelphia will be effected. He says, however, so far as the Vickers-Maxim company is concerned the deal is not completed, though he hopes it will be.

Queenstown Bound Steamer Disabled. QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 9.—The German steamer Fria, Captain Schmidt, which steamed from Hamburg on December 25 for Boston, is heading for Queenstown, a dispatch from Fastnet announces, in a disabled condition and under reduced steam. Two tugs have gone out to its assistance.

Issue Here to Indigent Chinese. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 8.—The Russians in the province of Chi Li, according to a dispatch from Pekin, dated Monday, distributed 10,000 rations of rice in behalf of Emperor Nicholas.

ANDREE DIVINES HIS FATE

"I Write," He Says, "On the Eve of a Journey Full of Unparalleled Dangers."

PRESENTMENT OF TERRIBLE ADVENTURE. Frankly Admits His Fear That It Signifies His Death-Trip to Arctic Exploration Divides His Property. (Copyright, 1891, by Press Publishing Co.) VIENNA, Jan. 9.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Andree's will, which he instructed to be opened at the end of 1900 in case he had not returned, has now been read.

It is accompanied by a series of letters from prominent scientists, encouraging him in the dangerous enterprise, and one from M. de Foville, warning against it.

The latter Andree had written in pencil: "It is possible that he is right, but it is now too late. I have made all preparations and cannot now draw back."

The will itself is very short, and its introduction seems to show that Andree divined the fate that awaited him. Its text begins: "Well, I write today probably my last testament," and therefore it is legally valid. "I write on the eve of a journey full of unparalleled dangers such as history has never yet been able to show. My presentment tells me that this terrible journey will signify my death."

The remainder of the will divides the property between his brother and sister.

CORPS HAS TO SCORCH FOR IT

Republican and British Soldiers A-Wheel Race for Possession of a Pass. CAPE TOWN, Jan. 9.—The cyclist corps which left here Saturday occupied Pickaners kloof Sunday after the race with the Boers for its possession. The republicans attempted to intercept the cyclists, but were unsuccessful in occupying the position, though three of them were killed and twenty-three wounded. The cyclists retain the pass. Commandeering of horses has commenced in the districts where their owners have refused to sell them to the military authorities.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 10.—(Later.)—It has been ascertained that the reports of an engagement between a cyclist corps and the Boers at Pickaners kloof Sunday are without foundation.

BOERS TRY NEW METHODS

Resourceful Antagonists of Great Britain in Capetown Will Try to Organize Corner in Provisions. LONDON, Jan. 10.—Dr. Leyds, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express from The Hague, is organizing a band of agitators to proceed to Capetown and to endeavor to establish a corner in provisions.

GETTING READY FOR SIEGE

Capetown Throwing Up Entrenchments from False Bay to Table Bay. CAPE TOWN, Jan. 10.—Entrenchments are being constructed across the Cape flats from False Bay to Table Bay.

WISH NO INVITATION SENT

Tennesseeans Protest Against Asking President McKinley to Attend Confederate Veterans' Reunion. ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 9.—A special from New Orleans says: At the meeting of the Camp of the Army of the Tennessee, United Confederate Veterans, the strongest of the confederate associations in New Orleans, the resolution offered by General Stephen Chalaron, commander of the camp, protesting against the invitation of President McKinley to the confederate reunion to be held in Memphis this spring, was unanimously adopted. General Chalaron explained that it was understood that the president would be invited to Memphis and the reunion was intended simply as a warning not to do it.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 9.—The protest of the New Orleans camp of Confederate Veterans against inviting President McKinley to attend the reunion of Confederate Veterans here next May was, it is declared, ignored so far as Memphis is concerned.

COL. MILLS GIVES TESTIMONY

Superintendent of West Point Military Academy Appears Before Congressional Committee. WEST POINT, N. Y., Jan. 9.—The congressional committee investigating the charges of hazing at the West Point academy arrived this afternoon and were met with military honors and a salute of seventeen guns.

The only witness examined was Colonel A. L. Mills, superintendent of the military academy. He gave the committee a general idea of the workings of the academy and the rules and regulations governing it. The committee inspected the academy and will meet again tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

PLAN TO AID VILLAGE POLICE

Photographs of Safe Browsers, Bank Robbers and Paroled Convicts Are to Be Sent Broadcast. CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The annual meeting of the board of governors of the National Bureau of Identification began here today. Chief of Police Philip Deland of Cincinnati presided. The epidemic of safe robbery in Illinois, Ohio and Indiana was discussed and plans to aid the police in the smaller cities and country towns were made. It was proposed to provide the police in the same places with photographs of safe-browsers, bank robbers and paroled convicts.

Swine Breeders in Convention. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 9.—At a meeting of the National Berkshire Record association this afternoon officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: G. H. Lowe, Galveston, Tex., president; I. V. Garrett, Liberty, Ind., vice president; and E. K. Morris, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer. After the election of officers the association met with the Central Poland-China Record association, which was also in convention.

Moloney's Appeal Papers Signed. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Recorder Gifford today signed the papers in the case of appeal of R. and B. Moloney, under sentence of death for having caused the death of Michael Adams by poisoning. The papers will now go to the printer, whose work on them will occupy five weeks more. The papers will be sent to the court of appeals at Albany for examination.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Today; Variable Winds, Fair Tomorrow. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Day, Hour, Day. Rows show temperatures for 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

MRS. NATION NEEDED AT HOME

Husband of Wichita Saloon Keeper Applied to Kansas Court for Writ of Habeas Corpus. TOPPEKA, Kan., Jan. 9.—Habeas corpus proceedings were started in the supreme court here today to secure the release of Mrs. Carter Nation from the Wichita jail, where she is confined for attempting to demolish a Wichita saloon. The petition was filed in behalf of David Nation.

The petition claims that the saloonkeepers have no rights under the law and that, therefore, Mrs. Nation cannot be held for trying to destroy an illegal traffic. The claim is made that she is confined in the Wichita jail by a bogus smallpox quarantine, after she has offered good and sufficient bond for her release.

The petition is a voluminous document and goes into detail about the numerous times the case has been postponed when it should have been tried.

The supreme court will hear the case January 12. The temperance people of the state are looking to the outcome with a great deal of interest.

DESCRIBE THE KIDNAPED BOY

Brothers of Bass Frazer, Thought to Have Been Stolen, Give Details of His Person. ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 9.—The two brothers of Bass Frazer of Union Springs, Ala., who, it is believed, was kidnaped from the Georgia School of Technology January 5, and is now supposed to be in Kansas City, have given out the following description of the boy: Frank Bass Frazer, 19 years old, 5 feet 11 1/2 inches in height and weighs 145 pounds. Wavy black hair, dark gray eyes, dark complexion, a prominent chin. He grows a heavy beard for his age but keeps clean shaven. He wears a number seven hat and a corresponding number shoe.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 9.—The local police department had not, up to noon today, found anything to substantiate the report that Bass Frazer or his alleged kidnappers were, or had been, in Kansas City. They have as yet received no instructions from southern officials to be on the lookout, and have, therefore, made no decided effort to locate the men.

NEED NOT FEAR GAME WARDEN

Minions of Law Will Not Be Allowed to Dog Steps of Governor Roosevelt in Colorado. DENVER, Jan. 9.—Vice President-elect Roosevelt is expected to reach Colorado Springs on the Rock Island train from the east at 7:35 o'clock and will leave at 11 p. m. for Littleton, where the party will take the stage next morning for Meeker.

Governor Ormon stated emphatically today that he would not permit the next vice president of the United States to be dogged by game wardens, while hunting in Colorado.

Ex-Governor Charles S. Thomas, whose term expired yesterday, declared he had never sent a warning to Governor Roosevelt.

WILL KEEP SURPLUS INTACT

American Sugar Refining Company Takes Steps to Provide Sweets of War. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Sugar Refining company in Jersey City today a resolution was adopted that the company's surplus, less the amount necessary to provide for the needs of the company, and less any amount that may be required for future dividends, shall be reserved for working capital. President Havemeyer declined to make any statement about the reported settlement between the American company and the independent refiners.

MUST SHOW GOOD DEEP SCAR

House to House Vaccination Crusade Will Be Began in Kansas City Today. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 9.—Physicians, carrying on the crusade of compulsory vaccination begun recently, will tomorrow start a house-to-house canvass, vaccinating everyone who cannot display a good scar. The city will be divided into districts and each physician will be accompanied by a guard to prevent persons hiding or escaping. The city physician today recommended that every home and every business house or other public building be scrubbed and fumigated. A few additional cases of smallpox were found today.

HER BOY KILLED AT SHILOH

Minnesota Woman More Than One Hundred Years Old Seeks Aid from State. ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9.—At the age of 109 years and 5 months Mrs. Van Eaton of Fulda, Minn., mother of a union soldier killed at the battle of Shiloh, has sought aid from the state relief fund. Action was taken by the board of distribution in St. Paul today granting Mrs. Van Eaton \$12 a month.

Mrs. Van Eaton lives with her son-in-law, who is 79 years old, and her daughter, who is 69 years old.

GOVERNORS FIRST AND LAST

Inauguration of Minnesota's New Executive Witnessed by State's First Territorial Governor. ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9.—The two houses of the legislature met today and heard the addresses of retiring Governor John Lind and the incoming governor, Samuel R. Van Sant. The two governors were accompanied by three former governors, H. L. Hubbard, John S. Pillsbury and the venerable Alexander Ramsey, who was the first territorial governor, over fifty years ago, and is the only surviving northern war governor.

INNOCENT MAN IN PRISON

Candy Merchant of Whose Supposed Murder George Politz Was Convicted, Turns Up. ASHLAND, Ky., Jan. 9.—Peter Santos, a Greek candy merchant at Huntington, W. Va., supposedly to have been murdered by his partner, George Politz, has turned up alive at Columbia, S. C. Politz is serving a ten-year sentence for the murder of Santos.

BRYAN'S FAREWELL

"I Will Never," He Says Brokenly, "Have Any Postoffices to Give Away."

DECLARES HIMSELF HONEST TO THE GRAVE. Asks His Namesake Club to Adopt Title of Some Democratic Saint. NO LONGER STANDARD BEARER OF PARTY But Has More Friends Than If He Had Been Elected. SCORN FOR DESERTERS AND DICTATORS Friends, However, for Harmony, and Declares That the Loss of Battles Does Not Mean the Death of the Truth. CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—In a speech, pathetic to the last degree, delivered at the Jackson day banquet at the Sherman House last night, William Jennings Bryan laid down the scepter of his leadership of the democratic party and retired to private life. With his eyes wet with tears, he declared that he had never for a moment during the two campaigns in which he went down to overwhelming defeat, placed self-aggrandizement above the principles that he advocated, and he had in a broken voice, in view of the fact that he was no longer the standard-bearer of the party, that the name of the club whose members he was addressing be changed from "W. J. Bryan" to that of some democratic saint, who had passed away.

Mr. Bryan stood at the center of the speaker's table, nervously clutching in his hand the menu card of the banquet, as he told his hearers that if he knew the principles that he had advocated were to be given for a century to come he would still be man enough to believe that the loss of a battle did not mean the death of the truth.

"I hope to God," he said, "that when I die men may say of me that I was honest, with excellent prospects of remaining such. I intend to continue actively in the discussion of public questions, and do not desire to be embarrassed by being placed in the attitude of a candidate for any office. In selecting journalism as the best field of usefulness I am aware that I am placing myself in a position where I can give more aid to others than to myself, but the field is chosen deliberately because I am more interested in the promulgation of democratic principles than I am in enjoying any honors which my countrymen can bestow."

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