The Weather Today.
Generally fair.
Slightly cooler.
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RUSSELL THEIR CHOICE

Bay State Democrats Indorse Him for President.

FREE SILVER IS DENOUNCED

Platform Speaks Up for Cleveland, Gold, Free Raw Materials, Cuban Insurgents, and Their Own Young Ex-Governor—Chairman's Speech Says McKinley Is a Silver Man.

Boston, April 21.—The Democratic State convention to elect delegates at large to the Chicago convention was held at Music Hall today.

The committee on credentials reported 1,246 delegates present. The committee on permanent organization reported the name of John R. Thayer, of Worcester, as permanent presiding officer, and Henry V. Cunningham as permanent secretary.

The platform presents ex-Gov. William E. Russell as candidate for President; indorses the Cleveland administration; demands the maintenance of the gold standard of value; opposes free coinage and further purchase of silver bullion; demands the withdrawal of legal tender notes from circulation; contends for putting all raw material on the free list; demands the suppression of trusts, regulation of monopolies, and protection of the rights of labor; sends to the brave Cubans words of encouragement and hope for their success in the contest they are now waging for independence, and reaffirms the Monroe doctrine.

THE DELEGATES NAMED.

John E. Russell, George F. Williams, J. W. Corcoran and James W. Donovan were nominated as delegates at large to the Chicago convention.

Chairman Mayer addressed the convention, in part, as follows:

"The West is joined to its silver idol, and threatens to withhold its support to the Republican ticket unless concessions are made and its claims are recognized. The strong Republican States of the East, controlled by the moneyed interests, assert that no concessions shall be made with their assent and support of the ticket. Each section looks upon the other with suspicion and distrust.

"Of what avail is it to pass resolutions for the single gold standard if, as now appears quite probable, Mr. McKinley is to receive the nomination for President. The people well know that Mr. McKinley is upon record as a white metal advocate, that he has a long, consistent and uninterrupted record while in Congress, favorable to silver."

RUSSELL IS INDORSED.

The part of the platform indorsing Russell for President is as follows:

Following a long-established Democratic custom, the Democrats of Massachusetts, in convention assembled, will not in any way instruct or pledge their delegates, but they do declare that it is the wish of the Democratic party of the State to present, and they earnestly recommend to the consideration of the National Convention to be held in Chicago, as their candidate for the office of President of the United States, the name of their victorious, courageous, high-principled ex-Governor, William Eustis Russell.

BROTHERS SHOT BY A SHERIFF.

Terrible Tragedy the Result of a Woman's Infidelity.

Montgomery, Ala., April 21.—Five hundred Democrats here today attending the Democratic State Convention were horrified by a tragedy at the railroad station.

The platform was crowded at 7:30 a. m., when Bob. Kennedy, sheriff of Dallas county, stepped out with a double-barreled shot gun and opened fire on two brothers, Percy and Mardis Wood. When the brothers saw Kennedy they ran for a place of shelter, but before this could be reached Kennedy shot Percy Wood in the back.

Mardis Wood drew a pistol and fired at Kennedy five times without hitting him. Kennedy reloaded his gun twice, firing in all six shots at Mardis Wood, shattering his right shoulder and breaking his left arm.

The trouble grew out of illicit relations said to exist between Mardis Wood and Kennedy's wife. It has been expected for some time, but Wood kept out of the State, coming here yesterday to attend a meeting of the Democratic State Executive committee, of which he is a member. All parties are from Selma. Percy Wood is dying. Kennedy is in jail.

COACHMAN SHOT BY A SLAV.

Tragedy at Pittsburg Claimed to Have Been Accidental.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 21.—Samuel Tuder, colored coachman, employed by Edward Ford, president of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, was instantly killed last night at Creighton Station by John Stundall, a Slav laborer at the Gas Works. Stundall was arrested. He claims the shooting was accidental.

Costly Fire at Lexington.

Lexington, Ky., April 21.—The planing mill and lumber yard of E. R. Spotswood, valued at $75,000, and two residents owned by the Northern Bank, worth $10,000 were burned last night.

LAMB MAY FIGHT IT OUT

Sharp Contest Expected in Virginia Republican Convention.

But There Is Talk of Compromise. McKinley Men Claim Much, Reed Element Seems Strong.

(Special to The Times.)

Richmond, April 21.—The outlook for the Republican State convention to be held in Staunton on Thursday next appears at this writing to be strongly in McKinley's favor, though the Reed element is holding out that they will bring in something of a surprise for those who claim everything for the Ohioan.

There will be 766 delegates and about 400 alternates. Of this number a surprisingly large number will be white delegates.

Whether the recent Lamb-Allan fight in the State will culminate in a lively outburst in the convention or not is a question widely discussed. The bitterness of the opposition, together with the fact that Col. Lamb seemed upon several occasions willing to make peace, will do much, it is thought, toward establishing harmony in the convention. It has been rumored that Gen. Edgar Allan would go to Staunton loaded with ammunition for a lively attack on Col. Lamb and that Judge Waddill would join in the fight.

This theory is being dropped by many now, and the opinion here seems to be that an effort will be made to establish smoothness and peace on all sides.

It is thought that the Allan-Waddill delegation from this city will be seated with practically no opposition. If there should be a fight between the McKinley people and the unpledged delegation it is thought Col. P. H. McCall will be Col. Lamb's champion. Among the names mentioned for permanent chairman prominent are those of Gen. James A. Walker, Gen. Stith Bolling and Col. Lamb himself.

It is claimed that the platform adopted by the convention will be in favor of sound money principles. It is conceded that Gen. James A. Walker and Major Yost will have a walk-over in their contest for delegates to St. Louis. Gen. Walker, Gen. Stith Bolling and Judge Waddill are all mentioned in connection with the State chairmanship, though it is understood that Col. Lamb will not retire without a contest. Efforts will be made in this connection, it is said, to compromise matters.

VIRGINIA REED DELEGATES.

Second District Convention Refuses Admission to Col. Lamb.

(Special to The Times.)

Richmond, April 21.—Republicans of the second district elected ex-Congressman Bowden and R. Smith to the St. Louis convention.

They refused Col. Lamb admission into the meeting. The Lamb faction subsequently held a meeting and elected Congressman Harry Libbey, of Elizabeth City county, and Alvah H. Martin, of Norfolk county, delegates to St. Louis. They are uninstructed, but are thought to be for Reed.

Anti-Lamb Republican Ill.

(Special to The Times.)

Richmond, April 21.—Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., one of the most prominent Republicans in the State, is sick at home and may be unable to attend the convention in Staunton. He is with Gen. Allan in the anti-Lamb fight, and his absence would be materially felt among McKinley's supporters in the convention.

Split at Manassas.

Manassas, Va., April 21.—Two Republican conventions were held here today. The regular convention was presided over by S. P. Townes. The colored delegates assembled at Berry's Hall and elected G. Winston Edwards and M. L. Robinson as delegates to the St. Louis convention, with G. W. Wharton and W. C. Payne alternates. They are for Reed and Allison.

Second Virginia Republicans.

Fort Monroe, Va., April 21.—The Republicans of the Second Congressional district of Virginia held their convention at Newport News today and elected ex-Congressman Harry Libbey of Elizabeth county, and Alvah H. Martin of Norfolk county delegates to the St. Louis convention.

Murdered on the Track.

Horse Cave, Ky., April 21.—The dead body of Charles Keaton was found by a track walker near here today. The back of the head was crushed and there was a hole in the forehead. The man had evidently been murdered and the body placed on the track, a train pushing it aside. Keaton was a witness for the Commonwealth in the case of Charles Beville for the murder of his mistress. He was last seen in the company of three of Beville's sons. Suspicion at once fell upon them and they were placed under arrest at Munfordville. They deny their guilt.

Topeka "Capital" in Difficulty.

Little Rock, Ark., April 21.—E. S. Quonton, of Topeka, Kas., acting for a number of creditors made application in the Federal court here yesterday, for the appointment of receiver for the Topeka Capital news paper. The creditors who want the receiver, hold claims against the paper amounting to $20,000. The defendants are resisting the application.

$25 and $20 tailor-made suits for $8 at the Misfit Clothing Parlors, 407 Seventh street.

RACING TODAY,
Benning Race Course.

SPRING MEETING
OF THE
WASHINGTON JOCKEY CLUB,
Daily Until May 2.

VIRGINIA HURDLE RACE and
FOUR OTHER RACES TODAY.

First Trial of Starting Machine Today

Admission to all parts of the grounds, $1.
Ladies, 50 Cents.

Trains leave Sixth Street Station at 2:00 and 2:30 P. M., returning immediately after last race.

BEN HELLEN, Secretary. S. S. HOWLAND, President.

MARYLAND STIRRED UP

Democrats Excited by Repeal of the Eastern Shore Law.

WAS DONE ACCIDENTALLY

Now United States Senators Can Be Taken From Any Part of the State Without Reference to Location—Senator-Elect Wellington Didn't Know the Law Was Wiped Out.

Baltimore, Md., April 21.—The time-honored statute known as the Eastern Shore law, which provided that one of Maryland's representatives in the upper house of Congress should be a resident of the eastern shore of the State, appears to have been unintentionally repealed by the late session of the Maryland legislature. A new election law was passed in the closing days of the session which repealed and re-enacted the whole of Article 33 of the code of general public laws of the State.

WAS DROPPED SOMEHOW.

The then existing eastern shore feature was incorporated unchanged in the new bill, but the measure was so loaded down with amendments that a substitute was finally drafted and rushed through both branches of the legislature. In some way, which no one seems able to explain, the re-enactment of the eastern shore provision was overlooked or purposely omitted.

It is certain that the statute which was looked upon as a compact between the people of the eastern shore and those of the western shore, could not have been repealed had it been known that such a movement was on foot. The law was ignored by the recent general assembly as having no binding force, although it had until then been the rule and the settled policy of the State almost from the beginning of the federal government.

NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW.

A great howl went up from the Democratic Senate when it was proposed last winter to nominate Mr. Wellington to succeed Mr. Gibson in the United States Senate, and a resolution was adopted protesting against the proposed violation. Subsequently the Senate refused to pass the usual resolution, asking the governor to issue a commission to the Senator who had been selected.

Senator-elect Wellington and Speaker Mudd, of the last house of delegates, say they are equally at sea regarding the repeal of the law. It was suggested to Mr. Wellington that the silent action upon the statute might, to some minds, indicate a "job" to make clear beyond the shadow of a doubt his title to a seat in the United States Senate. This Mr. Wellington laughed at.

"I really never knew," said he, "that the new elections bill did anything to repeal the Eastern Shore law. I have heard it stated during the past few days, but before that the idea never occurred to me. If the law is repealed, I am glad of it, for it was unconstitutional, but I did not know that it had been wiped out, nor did I know that it was going to be."

NOT ACCEPTED BY INSURGENTS.

Reforms Promulgated by Spain in 1895 to Be Put in Force.

Havana, April 21.—Madrid dispatches state that the minister of colonies is preparing to put into effect in Cuba and Porto Rico the reforms which were promulgated March 15, 1895. These reforms were passed by the Cortez in January, 1895. The rebellion broke out February 24, 1895.

The reforms were not acceptable to the Cubans then, and will not be now. They are home rule in name only, all the main revenues and the power of veto being held by Spain. They cannot be put into effect without a general election, which cannot be held under conditions which exist in Cuba at present.

MORE TROUBLE BREWING.

Philadelphia Traction Company's Men Are Again Restive.

Philadelphia, April 21.—The dissatisfaction prevalent among the members of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes who are in the services of the Union Traction Company has again come to the surface.

A stormy four-hour session of the central board of the association was held last evening, the result of which was a telegram to President Mahon at Detroit asking him to come to this city without delay to assume direction of affairs. The telegram sent to Mahon urged that his "speedy presence is of the utmost importance; the men are clamoring for action."

Shut Down Many Furnaces.

Joplin, Mo., April 21.—The Cherokee Lanyon Smelter Company, controlling smelters with a capacity of ninety six furnaces, has closed down its works at Rich Hill, Mo., and has given orders to close the works at Pittsburg, Kas., leaving only forty eight furnaces in operation. The company claims the shut down is necessary to maintain the price of smelter without curtailing the production.

Bayard at Another Banquet.

London, April 21.—Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador, and Mrs. Bayard went to Birmingham today to be present at the ceremonies and banquet on the occasion of the annual commemoration of the birth of Shakespeare, by the Dramatic and Literary Club, of that city, of which the United States consul, Mr. George F. Parker, is president.

EVASION AND COWARDICE.

Napoleon acknowledged his Waterloo. He was brave and honorable. THE TIMES' evening contemporary, which falsely persists in claiming "a circulation more than double that of any other paper in Washington," has none of these attributes. It is neither brave nor honorable. Not brave, because it will not acknowledge defeat; not honorable because it perverts the truth.

THE TIMES' daily circulation is not less than ten thousand greater than any paper published in Washington.

An invitation is extended to any self-appointed committee of merchants to investigate. Circulation books open to all.

SWINDLERS IN POLITICS

Slick Colored Men Visit Candidates at the Capitol.

Called on Senators Allison and Hill and Gen. Grosvenor and Asked for Money to "Work" Delegates.

On the eve of the Virginia Republican State convention two well-dressed colored men of slick address have tried to work an old swindle on several prospective Presidential candidates at the Capitol.

They called on Gen. Grosvenor as the representative of McKinley, in prospect of certain coming Democratic conventions they visited Senator Hill. Then they went to the committee room of Mr. Allison, where they were arrested by Capitol Detective Sinnott.

It is not known that they called on Speaker Reed. None of the gentlemen visited by the would-be swindlers being willing to suffer the notoriety of a prosecution, the men were released by the officers at the Capitol.

It was early Monday afternoon that the men began their operations. They first visited Gen. Grosvenor, introducing themselves blandly as J. T. Cheshire of North Carolina and P. Hampton White.

They explained that they desired to visit the convention at Staunton, believing that if they were given an allowance of expenses and a sum of money besides they could render valuable assistance to the McKinley cause.

They next visited Senator Hill. Here they introduced themselves under the same names, but claimed to be good Democrats. In fact, the man calling himself White presented a card which represented him as secretary of the League of Colored Democratic Clubs of New York State. They made propositions to Mr. Hill similar to those used when the saw Gen. Grosvenor.

At about 5 o'clock they visited the committee-room of Senator Allison, where again they called themselves Republicans and proposed to work in the interest of the Iowa man's boom at the Staunton convention.

A messenger in the room heard the men's conversation and suspecting that they were swindlers, slipped out and notified Detective Sinnott.

The men were questioned sharply by the detective, then taken to the guard room.

Subsequently Gen. Grosvenor and Senators Hill and Allison appeared, but neither of those gentlemen was willing to prosecute the supposed swindlers. Each of the intended victims believed that the men were imposters, but urged that they be released with a warning not to be seen at the Capitol again.

Chief of Capitol Police Darlen accordingly ordered that the men be escorted from the building and grounds and given a threat of prosecution upon a second appearance on the premises.

Detective Sinnott states that he overheard the men congratulating themselves on their escape as he conducted them to North Capitol street. The detective also says that Cheshire is known to him, and that he had previously been arrested.

ANOTHER FILIBUSTER SUSPECT.

Schooner Competitor Leaves Key West Under Suspicious Circumstances.

Key West, Fla., April 21.—The schooner Competitor, commanded by Alfredo La Borde, left this port last night between 10 and 11 o'clock, having on board twenty-five or thirty Cubans.

It is rumored that Capt. Russel Waeca, captain of the schooner Martha, lately forfeited to the United States for a violation of the revenue laws, who has been missing from the city for several days, is in hiding on one of the keys to the north of this city, awaiting to take the Competitor and party over to Cuba. The customs officials have been keeping a close watch on the Competitor for several days, suspecting an attempt would be made to take out an expedition.

There being a light head wind, the Competitor was only about ten miles to the north of this city this morning at 6 o'clock, at which time the cutter left, presumably to follow her. Capt. La Borde, a resident of Tampa, is well known in this city, having lived here several years.

IN HONOR OF SHAKESPEARE.

President Cleveland Writes a Letter to a Birmingham Gathering.

Birmingham, April 21.—The thirty-second annual Shakespeare commemoration of the Birmingham Dramatic and Literary Club were held tonight in the Grosvenor room of the Grand Hotel.

A letter was read by Mr. Parker from President Cleveland acknowledging an invitation to attend the celebration. Mr. Cleveland said:

"Everything that tends to keep alive the memory of Shakespeare and preserve a proper appreciation of his work challenges my earnest interest and approval, and though I cannot be with you on the occasion you contemplate I am glad to know that our American people will be prominently represented. There is much said and written in these days concerning the relations that should exist, bound close by the strongest ties, between the English-speaking peoples, and concerning the high destiny that awaits them in concerted efforts.

"I hope we shall never know the time when their ennobling sentiments will be less often expressed or in the least lose their potency and influence. Surely if English speech supplies the token of united effort for the good of mankind and the impulse of an exalted international mission, we do well to honor fittingly the name and memory of William Shakespeare."

Old Newspaper Man Dead.

New York, April 21.—Oliver Blackwell Stout, one of the oldest newspaper men in the city in point of service, died this morning of a complication of diseases. Mr. Stout was for fifty five years connected with the New York Dispatch and severed his connection with that paper only four months ago. He also reported for several other papers.

Ex-Mayor Dies in Poverty.

St. Louis, Mo., April 21.—James K. P. Goggans, aged forty-three, a charity patient at the city hospital, died today of pneumonia. From a letter found in his pockets, written by Attorney W. H. Hunt of Newberry, S. C., it is learned that Goggans was formerly mayor of Newberry. He had been here three months, working occasionally as collector for an insurance company.

Manufacturers Meet at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 21.—The manufacturers of white granite and semi-porcelain potteryware of America held a meeting today in this city to discuss business conditions and prospects. Some of the manufacturers came prepared to advocate a slight advance in prices, but the existing prices were readopted, after thorough discussion.

Death of a New York Lawyer.

Troy, N. Y., April 21.—The death of Hon. D. A. Haynes occurred this morning at Cohoes. The deceased graduated from Union College in the class of '35. He afterward removed to Dayton, Ohio, and for twenty-five years was a judge of the superior court of that State. He retired from the practice of law in 1888.

Cloudburst in West Virginia.

Charleston, W. Va., April 21.—A cloudburst occurred in this locality today and was frightful in its effects. While there were no persons injured in any way a considerable amount of property was destroyed and four horses were drowned.

FIGHTING FOR THE FAITH

Religious Congress On the Supremacy of Spiritual Culture.

BIBLE FOR EVERY SCHOOL

Able Discussion of Religious Education and the Welfare of the Church. Science as Auxiliary to Christian Development—Eloquent Appeals for Wider Dissemination of Doctrine.

Religious education and the welfare of the church was the interesting and important theme of the discussions last evening before the national congress of religious education. The session was well attended and the subject was treated and illuminated by eminent speakers. Rev. Dr. A. Mackay-Smith, rector of St. John's Church, of this city, was the presiding officer.

After the customary preliminary devotional exercises, reports were read by the secretary, Rev. Dr. Gilbert, and the treasurer, R. S. Chew.

The report of the secretary dealt with the many departments of the congress, such as the membership department. This was slightly affected by the change of the base of operations from Indianapolis to Washington.

The report gave due credit to the benefactors of the society, among them being F. H. Grange, H. S. McDonald and C. S. Tremontaine. Among the present membership were forty-seven fellows of colleges, one hundred and sixty-two annual members and nearly fifteen thousand students from all parts of the country. The report noted the need of more ample headquarters than the present.

FUTURE MEETING PLACES.

As to conventions stress was laid on the success of that held at Asheville last July at which fifteen States were represented. Future conventions will be held on July 23 at Ocean City, on June 28, Mountain Lake Park, and on June 23, 1897, at Saratoga. In the reference to the "Sunday school teachers' college," it appeared that ten thousand people had engaged in the studies of that college.

In the normal college, connected with this work, which was in charge of Gen. Eaton, thirteen political divisions were represented, one of them being the West Indies. In the Bible Readers Union, a branch of the educational work, of which Rev. Dr. Mackay Smith is chairman, it is proposed that each student, or member, shall read the whole Bible in three years. Readers have been enrolled in ten States.

In the department of lectures report was made of the number and title of the lectures delivered during the year, most of which were delivered in this city.

The department of the Bible in the college is in charge of Dr. J. E. Rankin. While general reference was made to this report it will be considered more fully in a special report to be made tomorrow. A report was also made on home child culture, library, and Sunday school extension. The reports were satisfactory.

BRANCHES TO BE STUDIED.

Concluding his report the secretary said in part that there must be in the future a study of man's religious nature, a classification of his powers, an exhibit by which his religious powers are governed, their condition during different periods of life, the possibilities at different periods, and what should be done by the different institutions to develop these necessities of knowledge.

The treasurer's report showed an expenditure of $5,245.38 and a balance on hand of $96.38.

The secretary said that at least twice five thousand dollars would be needed for the purpose of the society this year.

The discussion of the subject was commenced by Dr. Naylor, who asserted that it was not only the function of religion to teach the fatherhood and the personality of God, but, as more essential, the relations of the individual to that Father. Of even higher importance was the teaching of our relations to the future, the true end of religious education.

Religious education, he contended, should give character to the church, and, in that teaching knowledge of spiritual truth should be above the mere faith in the facts of the Christian religion. In other words, to know the reasons for belief was more important than belief itself. Religious education, he held, was also the secret of usefulness, and such education was the palladium of the church.

There could be no safety in ignorance either in religion or science. Knowledge would be an effectual bar against all the isms which were leading the mind of many in the Christian world astray, and which could not be combated by anything but an intelligent comprehension of the doctrines of the Christian religion.

THE TRUE MINISTRY.

Dr. Elliot, the rector of the Church of the Ascension, dwelt on the true meaning of the ministry of the church to men. He maintained that its object and end was to make men as the sons of God, and second to make them conform to the image of the son of God.

Religious education will, and ought to, aid the church to this end.

A very interesting feature of Dr. Elliott's address was that in which he touched on the danger of the "extirpation" of the spiritual faculty by reason of the exclusion in matters of education to the advantage of other faculties. In support of this position he cited the extremity to which intellectual, aesthetic, and physical culture was carried, and the comparative neglect of the spiritual. The force of his argument was directed to arousing a deeper and wider interest in the spiritual affairs of man. It was a short address, but very thoughtful and well put. It made an impression.

President Shearet, the learned head of Davidson College, North Carolina, delivered a very polished and philosophical address on the same general line. It was a truism, he said, that the welfare of the church depended on successful religion education. No matter what might be the varied components in what is known as education, the thing that would count would be the education in holiness, this position being drawn from the facts that the two fundamental propositions of the Christian religion were the holiness of the family as the unit in civilization and the regard for the Sabbath.

THE POWER OF EDUCATION.

The father, according to this view, was prophet, priest, and king in the family, a prefiguration of Christ himself. He called attention to the fact that all religions whether they taught truth or error, preserved their power by education, as for instance Confucius, Mahomet o rthe pope. Teaching according to modern methods he said, was too much specialized, or rather that the fact of specialization had too high a value placed upon it.

It was a mistake to suppose that the potting of a student under a specialist was the be all and the end all of education. It was open to the objection that a great many essentials might be neglected. He strongly urged the Bible as a text book in every school and college, for it was the mission of the Bible to supply that which could not be furnished by any other specialized science than itself.

At the afternoon session the discussion was on the family as an educational institution, viewed from Scripture and from its structure, and as a help in religious education. Addresses on this subject were made by Gen. Eaton, Dr. Hume, Dr. Little and Dr. Otts.

$30 and $35 swell suits can be bought for $10 at the Misfit Clothing Parlors, 407 Seventh street.

FOR PEARL BRYAN'S MURDER

Scott Jackson Faces the Court in the First Trial.

Witness Huling Tells His Ghastly Story of Finding the Body of the Murdered Girl.

Cincinnati, O., April 21.—Scott Jackson, the dental student, faced the bar of justice in the Campbell circuit court of Kentucky at Newport this morning to stand trial for the murder of Pearl Bryan.

When the prisoner was brought into court he was very quiet in his demeanor. He walked into the inclosure within the railing of the courtroom and sat down with his attorneys, shaking hands with them as he did so. He talked with them in a low tone, his face flushing at the consciousness of the attention he was attracting from the crowd of spectators.

At 12 o'clock the State had exercised one peremptory challenge out of the permitted five and had accepted eleven jurors. The defense had challenged three out of the permitted fifteen.

The work of completing the jury was taken up at 2 p. m., when court again convened, and it took but an hour to get the other three. The first witness called was John Huling, the boy who found the headless body on the morning of February 1. He told his story in an honest way and was not cross-examined by the defense.

The next witness was quite important, being Dr. W. S. Tuigley, the coroner of Campbell county. The doctor gave a minute description of the condition of the body, the blood clots found near it, and the wounds discovered. In the examination he said the head was cut off while the girl was alive, and that the body had been dead several hours when found.

The defense succeeded in getting him to admit that it might have been dead eight or ten hours. At the conclusion of the coroner's testimony the court adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

OHIO PROHIBITIONISTS MEET.

One Thousand Visitors Attend the Convention at Findlay.

Findlay, Ohio, April 21.—About 1,000 visitors are in the city attending the Prohibition State convention, which opened here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The junior Prohibition leagues also met this afternoon and organized a State League.

The convention proper was called to order by J. B. Logan, of Alliance. Only preliminary work, including organization and appointment of committees, was the program for today. The only contest of note is the head of the ticket, Secretary of State, between Albert Crabtree, of Clarke, and John Richardson, of Champaign county. The real work of the convention will be carried out tomorrow.

To Aid the Reorganization.

Senator Mitchell for the Committee on the Judiciary yesterday afternoon reported to the Senate the joint resolution which is intended to facilitate the reorganization of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and to secure to actual settlers the right of purchase at a price not exceeding $2.50 per acre, the agricultural lands within its grant, and to prohibit the company or any successor from giving by consolidation, sale or other corporate action, control of its railroad to any corporation, etc., whatever, without the consent of Congress.

Democratic Split in Texas.

Dallas, Texas, April 21.—It looks as though two wings of the Democratic party in Texas have "come to the parting of the ways." The gold standard men are holding a big State conference here which indicates from every step thus far taken a bolt from the free silver majority of the party in Texas. There are several hundred delegates in attendance, every section of the State being presented. Numerous addresses were made in which the action of the State Democratic executive committee was severely condemned, and a determination to not be governed by its decrees manifested.

Tales of Armenian Suffering.

London, April 21.—The Daily News will tomorrow publish a dispatch from Constantinople saying that news from all parts of Armenia continues to be terrible. The people everywhere hardly dare resume work and the farmers are wholly without seed. Unless the government extends help to them speedily there will be no sowing. Even the local officials have applied to the government for assistance, with the view of averting a famine next winter. The relief bursers at Gurun have been arrested and nobody else dares to act. In the meantime many persons are dying of hunger.

Mysteriously Disappears.

New Orleans, April 21.—A dispatch to the Daily States from San Antonio, Texas, says: I. M. Bridges, a successful farmer of Atascosa county, who has been missing for the past week, has been traced to this city, where he was seen Friday, since which time all trace of him has been lost. A man named T. J. McIntyre, whom Bridges came here to see to compel the payment of a note, is suspected of his murder and has been arrested.

Drank Carbolic Acid and Died.

Charleston, W. Va., April 21.—W. F. Workman and Layman Williams, prominent citizens of Raleigh county, while returning from court here today drank a quantity of carbolic acid, mistaking it for whisky and died from the effects. Both were Union Veterans and both leave families.

NO COMPROMISE BY CUBA

Palma Says Nothing But Independence Is Acceptable.

CONTRARY STORIES DENIED

Members of the Junta Assert Stoutly That There Is No Difference of Opinion Among Cuban Americans. Confidence in Senor Palma—Fight for Independence Will Go On.

A fanciful story, printed by a Washington evening paper yesterday, has brought out a prompt denial from members of the Cuban junta, who are in town at this time, and is further stoutly disclaimed in a telegram from Senor Palma, who is in New York.

The statements to the effect that Cuban Americans are divided among themselves on questions of policy, and that a compromise is contemplated between the Cuban provisional government and the government of Spain, are both stamped as false.

Senor Quesada, who, since April 11, has been the formally qualified chief representative of Cuba in Washington, declares that there is not the slightest difference of opinion among Cubans in this country regarding the general policy to be employed in the effort to gain independence.

CONFIDENCE IN PALMA.

This statement is confirmed, he says, by the reelection of Senor Palma as delegate plenipotentiary, April 11, in which there was evidenced naught but the strongest expressions of confidence in his policy.

The Cuban-Americans, as well as the Cubans on the island itself, have but one purpose; that is absolute, uncompromising independence, say the members of the junta.

Senor Palma is not in the city at this time, and since Senor Quesada's promotion he will spend less time than ever at the headquarters of the junta here, his presence being constantly needed elsewhere.

A telegram was received at a late hour last evening, which expresses unqualifiedly Senor Palma's denial, as stated above. The telegram is as follows:

HE SAYS NO COMPROMISE.

To Gonzales de Quesada, Charge d'Affaires of the Cuban Republic, Washington, D. C.

I have today given to the press here a statement, the substance of which is as follows, which you may give to the papers: The talk of Spain granting reforms to Cuba is entirely idle and does not concern us Cubans in the least.

In the name of our government, of our army and of the people of Cuba I solemnly declare that there is and cannot be any compromise with Spain and no proposition will be considered unless based upon the recognition of the absolute independence of Cuba.

We Cubans have already established our own government, have succeeded in confining the whole island, and with perfect faith in a cause supported by right and justice we will not abandon our purpose and faithfully pursue it to the end at whatever sacrifice of property and life. Our motto is, "Freedom and independence or death."

(Signed.) T. ESTRADA PALMA,
Delegate plenipotentiary of the Cuban Republic.

VILA DEFEATS THE REBELS.

Spanish General Claims Victories Without Loss to His Own Troops.

Havana, April 21.—Col. Vila reports having had several engagements with bands belonging to Maceo's command near Segua Cabanas. The insurgents were dislodged from the Tapia hills after a heavy fire of cannon and musketry.

They fled in different directions, leaving behind them twenty-five killed and wounded. The troops are still in pursuit of the rebels. Col. Vila also reports that while a detachment of his command was leaving Cabanas for Bramales estate the center and rear guards were attacked by rebels, who were repulsed. The troops followed them to Vigia and San Claudio.

Numerous rebel groups who were in ambush were dispersed after three hours' fighting. The rebel loss is supposed to have been large. No mention is made of any Spanish loss in either fight. For this reason Cubans here look upon the reports with suspicion, believing them to be, like many other official announcements, without any basis of truth.

Forty guerillas of San Antonio de los Banos, in an engagement with a local rebel band, captured four residents of that town who had disappeared in the confusion of the fight with the intention of joining the rebels. They were killed by the guerillas.

Col. James Mercur, U. S. A., Dead.

Fort Monroe, Va., April 21.—Col. James Mercur, for the past twelve years on duty at the Military Academy as professor of civil and military engineering, died suddenly at the Hygeia Hotel this afternoon. His remains will be carried to West Point for interment tomorrow.

Postoffice Cashier an Embezzler.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 21.—J. D. Baxton, cashier of the Minneapolis postoffice, has been placed under arrest for embezzlement. The shortage is about $2,100. Baxton was at one time assistant county treasurer of Hennepin county.

LATE BARON HIRSCH,

Philanthropist, Financier and Multi-Millionaire.