TOWNE'S PLEA FOR SILVER

The Eloquent Minnesotan Addresses a Crowded House.

He Learned to Revere Lincoln, but He Cannot Tolerate Hanna.

Says Goldbugs Prevented Recognition of Cuban Patriots.

FEELS SURE OF VICTORY.

Firmly Announces That Silver Forces Are Certain to Win Their Battles.

Ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne of Minnesota spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience at Metropolitan Temple last night, his theme being the silver campaign and its purposes.

Mr. Towne is a man of far more than average ability as an orator. His manner is largely that of a well-trained actor, his voice has great compass and power, and his conclusions are announced with firmness and dignity. Though his speech lasted for more than two hours, few people left the house, and he was interrupted by frequent bursts of applause.

"This silver campaign has only just begun," was the way he opened. This statement at once showed that he was a fighter, for he followed the assertion with the declaration that Bryan had really come out of the campaign triumphant and that the defeated members of the great silver party, nearly 7,000,000 in number, had the air of victors rather than of men who had lost a cause. They were beginning again, he said, to fight for human freedom.

The speaker held that the great trouble with McKinley is that he is a goldbug. "He appointed a goldbug for his Secretary of the Treasury," said the speaker, "then recommended to Congress the plans of the Gold Democrats of Indianapolis. Does this look like bimetallism? In fact, there is nothing in all the conduct of the Republican party to remind one of its glorious past. I learned to revere Lincoln and they now give me a Mark Hanna as a model. This degeneration shows the extent of the degeneration of the party. I am getting along all right and I have lost no sleep because I was defeated for Congress, for I expect yet to be one of the great throng that will help to escort to the White House the greatest Democrat the country has produced since Abraham Lincoln. I can well call Lincoln a Democrat and Bryan a Republican, for both were, like Washington and Jefferson, men who had faith in the people and whose doctrines are consistent with the ideas of a government of the people, for the people and by the people."

A large part of the arguments of the evening were the well-known assumptions of the silver men that the appreciation of gold is steadily making a race of slaves of all who are not the owners of bonds.

A striking part of the address was that wherein the speaker narrated his experiences as a member of Congress at the time the Cuban question was before the House. He held that there was a time two years ago when the country could have done a great deal to settle the question consistently with peace and honor, but the gold power that owns the bonds interfered, as in the case of the Turks and Armenians, and prevented the recognition of the belligerents.

"I do not hesitate to say," stated the orator, "that some sort of a deal is now on, as reported by the newspapers, whereby Mark Hanna is negotiating for peace in some way that will be agreeable to the owners of Cuban bonds. It is said that the bonds are to be indorsed by the United States Government."

It was then attempted to show that there is every reason to believe that the steady depreciation of the products of human industry, by reason of the gold standard, will reach a point that the people will not endure. He said it was, according to great economists, not a question of gold or silver, but merely a question of how much the people would suffer from the inequalities of the old standard before they would revolt.

At the conclusion of the address there was prolonged applause and much cheering. The Democratic Central Club attended as a body, dressed in white ducking.

DESPOILED WITH A GUN AT HIS HEAD

Irving Marshal Held Up and Robbed on Stockton Street.

Two Men With Masks Go Through Him in Regulation Bandit Fashion.

Irving Marshal, the janitor at the Baldwin Theater, had an adventure with two highwaymen last Friday night that cost him some money, a watch and chain, diamond locket and a silver matchbox.

Mr. Marshal left the theater on Friday night and started up Stockton street toward Pine. When he arrived at the stone wall surrounding the old Buckley place, between Sutter and Bush streets, two men suddenly stepped out from the shadows and one, presenting a pistol at his head, commanded him to throw up his hands.

Marshal obeyed, and the fellow's companion, who was armed with a blackjack, went through him, taking a purse containing a small sum of money and the other above-mentioned articles.

The matter was reported to the police.

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BURGLARS ARE BUSY.

The Police Are Able to Make Several Arrests.

Thomas Stanton and Thomas Roach, two boys, broke into the grocery of L. W. Schneider, Twenty-sixth and Valencia streets, about 2 o'clock on Friday morning. Mrs. Schneider heard them and began to scream. They rushed out of the place into the arms of Policemen King and Young, who arrested them on a charge of burglary.

Knutt Frass was discovered at an early hour yesterday morning by Policeman Feld trying to force open the lock on the door of W. A. Weldon's carpet-beating establishment, 2400 Geary street, with a knife. He was sent to the City Prison and booked on a charge of attempted burglary. He acted so queerly in the prison that he was sent before the Insanity Commissioners by Judge Joachimsen, and they declared that he was perfectly sane. He was returned to the prison.

Four "water rats," Orezzi Salvini, 17 years of age; Fred Brown, 18; John Leoni, 12; and Louis Delreavy, 12, were arrested early yesterday morning by Policeman Ellis, and charges of burglary were booked against Salvini and Brown, and the two others were booked for a public institution. Since Sunday night they twice broke into the Sonoma Packing Company's warehouse at 1240 Battery street, stole a lot of stuff and destroyed a considerable quantity more. They also broke into a butcher-shop at Sansome and Vallejo streets. Salvini is the leader of the gang, and has been twice arrested for robbery.

THEY WERE AFTER GROOM'S SCALP

Ryan and Green Claim That National Clubmen Have "Welched."

Money Said to Have Been Brought Back at the Point of a Revolver. Everybody Talking.

If the words of an eyewitness are to be taken as true and there seems no legitimate reason to doubt them, "Fight Promoter Groom of the National Club had a very close call yesterday when he came to settle up finances with Ryan and Green, the welterweights who put up so game a battle at Woodward's Pavilion the night before. In fact, it is claimed that as a result of the wrangling and an attempt of Groom to evade payment he was made to come to terms at a revolver's muzzle.

It seems that the articles of agreement provided that the two men should have 60 per cent of the gross gate receipts, but should be guaranteed the sum of $4000. The receipts were said to figure only $4800, and the two men demanded the $4000 instead of 60 per cent of this sum when they went into Groom's hat store in company with Al Smith, Ryan's manager.

A hot wrangle ensued, according to the tale told by George Harting, the club's timekeeper at the fight, and one of the fighters grabbed up a sackful of silver, whereupon Groom laid hold of a sack of gold coin and started for the door, but was forced to return at the revolver's point. It is further stated that the men were finally forced to take the 60 per cent.

Smith denies that revolvers were drawn, but admits that there was a good deal of trouble over the money question. He adds that Ryan is willing to fight Green again under the auspices of the Empire Club, but will never again let the National Club men have charge of a fight in which he engages.

Groom admits also that there was a war of words, but asserts that the $4000 was only a paper agreement, and that it was understood by both men that 60 per cent of the gross gate receipts were to go in any case.

"I heard there were some wild stories going round about Ryan and myself having trouble with Groom and Gibbs," said Green last night, "but there is no truth in them. There was no attempt on Groom's part to leave the store with a bag of money, nor were there any pistols drawn.

"I simply went to the store to get what was due me as a participant in the fight and while there met Ryan. Groom stated to us that owing to the smallness of the house he could not live up to his original agreement without loss to himself and partner. He therefore offered us 60 per cent of $4800, the amount realized. We objected to his going back on his contract and told him so. Arguments were of no avail, however, and seeing we could do no better, we took the percentage, amounting to a little over $2800, each taking $1400.

"I am a friend of both Groom and Gibbs, and dislike to talk about the matter, but as long as you are familiar with the details I do so. I think that they should have stood by their agreement, even though they did not realize a large sum. Had they done so they would have made a name among the fraternity and gained the confidence of the people. I took the amount offered, as that was all there was in sight. I do not intend to take legal steps, as the law gives us no redress."

Smith denies that Ryan will ever fight Walcott, as the welter-weight draws the color line. It is admitted by all local sports, count out or not, that Green was a beaten man.

FIREMEN SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES TO DUTY.

An Explosion During a Conflagration Causes the Death of Six Men.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Feb. 27.—Fire broke out in Hall Bros.' laboratory at 10 o'clock to-night. While the firemen were trying to extinguish the flames in the second story, a terrific explosion took place, blowing up the entire side of the building. The first explosion was followed by two others. Firemen on the ladders were hurled in every direction by the fearful concussion. The flames shot high into the air, and it looked for a moment as though there would be an awful conflagration. The crowd was dazed by the explosion. Horses were thrown down and windows in the vicinity shattered.

The work of rescue began at once and the building was left to its doom. Intense excitement prevailed until 1 a. m.

The dead are:
P. H. M'HUGH, fireman.
JAMES QUIGLEY, fireman.
GEORGE HOLLIDAY, fireman.
CHARLES WHITING, fireman.
JOHN HASTINGS, drayman.
WILLIAM WAGER, fireman.

The injured are: L. L. Holloway, druggist, both legs broken and back broken, injured internally, will die; Albert Labon, concussion of the brain; John McAllister, legs broken; Eugene Dole, injured about the head. Several others, whose names cannot be obtained at this hour, were injured.

DR. SANARELLI CURES YELLOW FEVER PATIENTS.

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BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 26.—I am advised by the Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, that Dr. Sanarelli has effected six cures out of ten yellow fever cases which were considered fatal by local physicians. Dr. Sanarelli has for some months past been experimenting with his new cure on yellow fever patients in Sao Paulo, where there is an epidemic of the disease.

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RAG TIME HOGAN WAS ROBBED

Black Patti's Leading Man Lost His Diamond.

Prize Fighter Tom Lansing and His Friend Arrested on Suspicion.

Rigid Search Failed to Reveal the Whereabouts of the Lost Gem.

Ernest Hogan, author of "All Coons Look Alike to Me," lost a $750 diamond solitaire stud yesterday at the matinee of the Black Patti Company at the California Theater. He values the pin highly, because he says he paid the price named to the widow of W. J. Scanlan, the Irish comedian, when he bought from her $15,000 worth of the jewelry of the dead actor.

Hogan's story is that while he was waiting to go on the stage for the matinee at the California Theater yesterday he was visited in his dressing room by Sandy Sanborn, a friend of his, and Tom Lansing, a prize fighter from Kentucky. There was present at the time a colored man named Thomas Trice, who sat on a trunk at the end of the room. Sanborn came with his friend for the purpose of hearing the Black Patti and his friend Hogan sing and went to Hogan's room, in order to get seats for the performance. Hogan went out to do his turn, and in the interim had some one show his visitors some unoccupied seats in the dress circle.

When he came back he found that the diamond stud which he had left in the bosom of his shirt hanging on a hook was missing.

He at once raised an outcry in rag time, and Police Officer Thomas R. Flinn of the California Street Station responded. Hogan pointed out Lansing and Sanborn in the dress circle. Flinn called upon them to throw up their hands, and they complied. Then the officer searched the seats and the vicinity, after having first satisfied himself that the diamond was not on the persons of the suspects. He then took the men to the California Street Station, where they were obliged to strip and submit to a more rigorous search in the presence of Lieutenant Esola. Nothing but $1 50 in silver coin and a few love letters were found on the men, and the police generously refrained from perusing the letters.

The men's names were placed upon the small book, and they will be detained pending further investigation. When Hogan came into the station he was confronted by Lansing:

"You're a nice fellow," remarked Lansing, with a sneer.

"What's the matter?" inquired Hogan, in evident trepidation.

"Why didn't you arrest the coon that was in the room when you went out?"

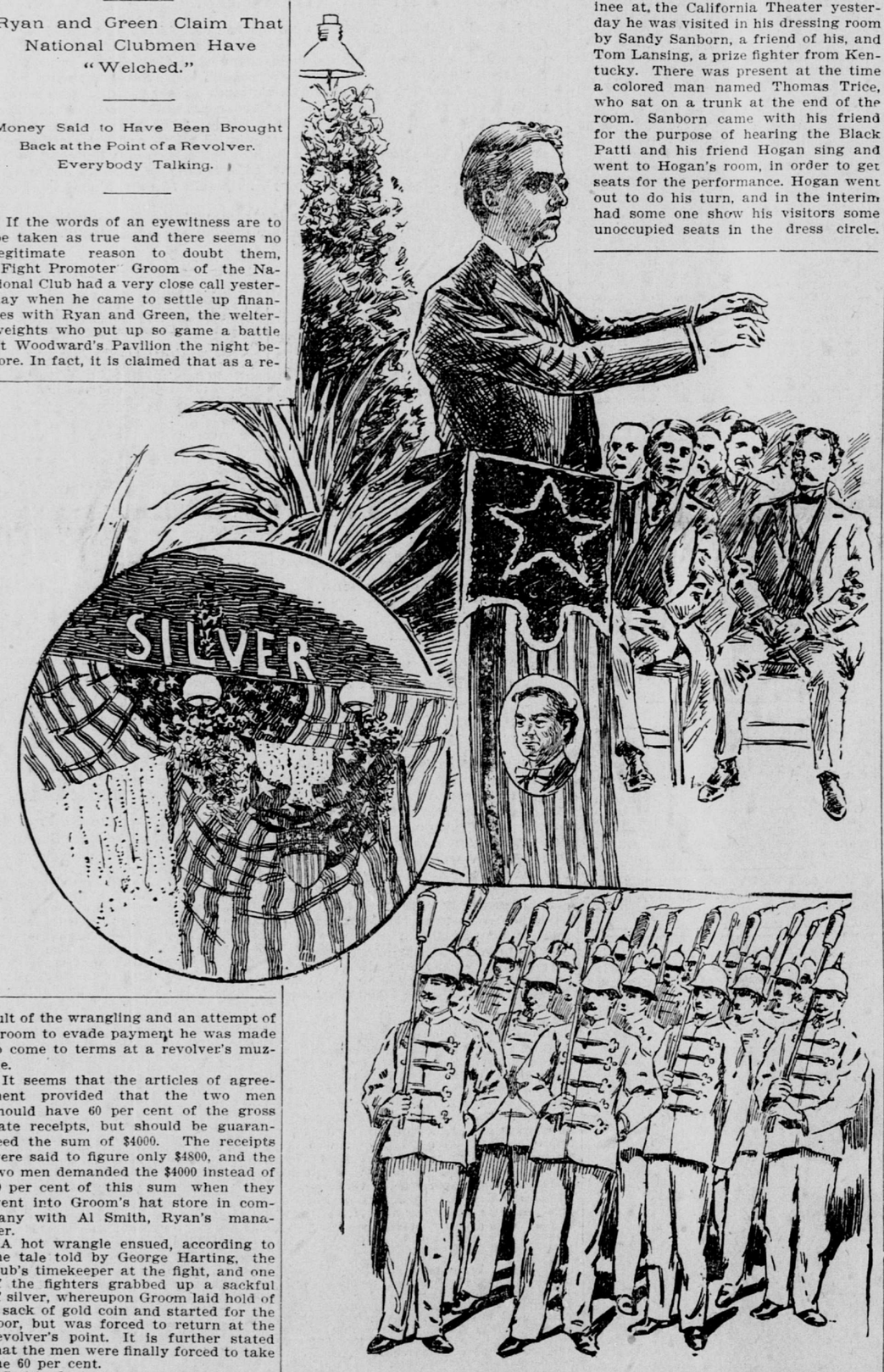
Mr. Hogan rolled his eyes for awhile, and then replied: "He was searched." Then he retired to another part of the station and sat down near an officer.

"I've been here only a few months," remarked Lansing to a Call reporter, "and I have put two men on my prize ring record. If I ever meet that coon in a dark alley he'll be the third man on my record of knockouts."

After this episode Hogan was visibly nervous. "I don't charge nobody," he said. "All I want is to get my pin back."

Hogan leaves the city to-day for the southern part of the State, and he expressed his regret that he could not stay to prosecute the case. When asked why he did not procure the arrest of Tom Trice, he replied that Trice was an old-time friend of his; that he had intrusted hundreds of dollars to Trice, and had never found him unfaithful.

The men were released late last night, as the evidence did not seem sufficient to warrant their being held.



Ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne and Some of Those Who Heard Him Plead for Silver at Metropolitan Temple Last Night.

BAYS FOR A BELOVED BARD

Dr. Friedrich K. Castelhun Agreeably Surprised by His Friends.

De Friedrich Karl Castelhun, whose seventieth birthday was so enthusiastically celebrated last night by a large number of German-American citizens in the hall of the Schlaraffia Club, 411 Bush street, was born February 27, 1828, in Nordheim, near the ancient city of Worms on the Rhine, Germany. At the age of 18 he graduated from the Gymnasium of Bensheim, where he received a thorough classical education, and in 1847 came with his parents to the United States. Here young Castelhun took up the study of medicine and completed afterward his medical education at the Universities of Wurzburg, Vienna, Prague and Berlin. After his return to America he settled in St. Louis, Mo., and became soon a prominent physician. In 1875-76 he lived in San Francisco, but returned to St. Louis. In 1885 he came again to San Francisco and has ever since lived here.

Dr. Castelhun is one of the foremost German-American poets of the United States, and his poems appeared last year in their second edition. There is much of the grace, clearness and power of Schiller and Goethe in his verses, and to read his splendid hexameters means to admire them. Professor M. D. Learned, at the head of the department of Germanic languages in the University of Pennsylvania, recently wrote of the distichs of Dr. Castelhun: "What makes them particularly agreeable to my ear is the admirable coincidence of rhetoric and metrical pause at the caesura. I have been reading and comparing some of Castelhun's distichs with classical German examples and I must bestow upon him the laurel."

Dr. Castelhun is essentially a political poet, or knight valiant in the service of religious, political and social liberties. His poems are full of the best features of the German character, the proverbial honesty, the sincerity and reliability of character, the deep love for the family, the home, the old and the new country. However, many of his choicest productions could never be published in the Fatherland, they being altogether too democratic to suit those in power, and for this reason the collection of poems, a handsome volume of 260 pages, had to be printed in Switzerland.

The committee in charge of the banquet consisted of Professor Ad. Herbst, president; Professor Julius Goebel of Palo Alto; M. Greenblatt, editor of the Daily German Demokrat; Dr. A. Wilhelm, E. C. Priber, Dr. Schulz and Professor W. Zimmermann.

During the evening a beautiful album, with his picture, was distributed as a souvenir among the guests, containing original contributions of Messrs. Goebel, Herbst, Greenblatt, Glauch, Priber, Bundschu and others. Among the official toasts were the following: Address of welcome, Professor A. Herbst; "Castelhun and German Poetry," Professor Goebel; "Dr. Castelhun, the Patriot of Two Worlds," W. Zimmermann; "Dr. Castelhun and the German-American Press," M. Greenblatt; "Castelhun, the Physician," Drs. Wilhelm and Behr; "Dr. Castelhun and His Relations to the German-Americans," Dr. May Magnus; "Dr. Castelhun of St. Louis," E. C. Priber; "Dr. Castelhun and His Family," Chris Bundschu.

A brother of the doctor, Fritz J., and his oldest son, F. K. Castelhun Jr., are well-known lawyers of this city; a sister, Miss Mary Castelhun, has been for over twenty-five years principal of the Humboldt Primary School, and the two daughters of the septuagenarian are both graduates of our State University.

THE OLD FRIENDS.

Last Wednesday night the recently elected officers of the Society of Old Friends were installed by ex-President Robert Ferral, after which Dr. F. F. Lord, the retiring president, was presented with a gold badge on behalf of the society. During the evening there was read a letter from President McKinley, acknowledging his election as an honorary member of the society. Judge Campbell, the new president, presided at a high jinks that furnished entertainment for the many who crowded the hall.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. GEORGE.

Britannia Lodge of the Daughters of St. George, at its last held meeting adopted resolutions expressive of their "deep and heartfelt sympathy for the mothers, widows and relatives of the brave men who recently lost their lives on the Maine."

It has been decided to give the old English tea party under the auspices of this order in St. George's Hall on the 24th of March.

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