BRYAN NEVER TO BE A CANDIDATE AGAIN 'TIS SAID

Nebraskan Bitter Over His Third Defeat, But Will Cling To Party Leadership, a Friend States.

HE DESIRES TO NAME THE STANDARD BEARER

The Peerless One Insists That The Nomination Shall Go to A Progressive in the 1912 Fight.

New York, Feb. 16.—"I have not seen any account of how Bryan takes his defeat, his present position, his view of the election and the ideas his friends have of his future," said a personal friend of William J. Bryan today, one who took a very active part in last year's democratic national campaign.

"So here is the situation on all these matters. It is the result of careful inquiry, correspondence, travel, personal meetings, and as near as possible, represents the most accurate views of him self and his near personal friends at the present time.

"Mr. Bryan," said his friend, "will not be a candidate for the presidential nomination again, but he is determined that the democratic nominee in 1912 shall be a man who was loyal to him last November, and who is known to hold what Mr. Bryan calls advanced and progressive democratic views.

Is Against Johnson.

During the next four years new men and issues are expected to make their appearance, and entirely new political alignment may be expected within the democratic party. At present Mr. Bryan does not look with favor on the presidential aspirations of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, or Governor Harmon of Ohio, although reduced to a choice of the last two, the Nebraskan prefers the Ohio executive.

"Bryan regards Senator-elect Shively of Indiana, as a 'progressive democrat;' also Senator Chamberlain of Oregon; Governor John Burke and Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, who is to be democratic leader of the house of representatives at Washington after March 4.

Can't See Marshall.

"The friends of Bryan don't yet regard Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska, or Governor Marshall of Indiana, as 'progressive,' although there is hope that their work will receive the approval of Bryan and their names may be added to his favored class. Bryan will continue to write for his newspaper and lecture constantly for four years.

"His income ranges from $60,000 to $80,000 a year. He was badly broken up and bitterly disappointed over his defeat, for which he was unprepared. He has taken the third defeat much harder than any previous reverse in politics.

"To friends he has revealed his belief that the chief cause of the heavy vote for Taft in large cities was the defection of Catholic voters. And his friends among that persuasion are trying to argue him out of that notion."

THE THEATER

THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

GENNETT.

Feb. 16.—The Thief.
Feb. 17—Madam Butterfly.
Feb. 18.—The Royal Chef.
Feb. 19.—The Top O' Th' World.

NEW PHILLIPS.

All Week—High Class Vaudeville.

The New Phillips.

Jerge, Aleene and Hamilton greatly pleased the audiences that have been at the New Phillips so far this week, with their polite vaudeville entertainment. It is an act that is slightly above the average and comes with the touches of newness and novelty. The singing and dancing of the team is particularly good. The two actresses have a fancy dance that is of the first order and very pleasing.

The Harman Trio portrays rustic wit and humor mixed up with a good deal of acrobatic work of quality. The entree of the act is rather of the unique order and causes a great deal of laughter. If anything is to be gained by the laugh at the beginning, which is the gist of the theatre ad maxim, then this act gets the gain.

Burton in his monologuist and singing act is good and comes over with a refined line of amusement. Popular song airs with catching parodies is his forte.

"The Royal Chef."

"The Royal Chef" with its picturesque scenery, tuneful melodies, beauty chorus and artistic principals, will be the attraction at the Gennett theater Feb. 18, when it is to be given by the H. H. Frazee company with the same attention to details and careful consideration of all the requirements that characterized its unusual success of former years. This musical cocktail was unquestionably one of the big successes of the past few seasons, not alone because of its attractiveness as a production of unusual splendor, but for the reason that it contained many of the most entrancing and original musical numbers that had been heard for many a day.

"Madam Butterfly."

There has been a splendid advance sale on "Madam Butterfly" which will appear at the Gennett tomorrow evening. This will be one of the finest productions ever witnessed in Richmond and should be greeted by a packed house. Rarely is a city of the size of Richmond visited by a grand opera of such a finished character.

"The Thief."

Teaching a great lesson without being preachy, telling a tremendous story in the simplest of ways; that is "The Thief," which is to be seen at the Gennett theater tonight. So many people saw "The Thief" during its ten months run at the Lyceum theater, New York, that its fame has spread rapidly and logically. It has helped to put Henri Bernstein to the very front of French dramatists and has also given him the best of rating in America, England, Russia, Spain, Italy and Sweden, all of which countries have had translations of the play and all of which have accepted it bodily. What Bernstein figured out of his set of characters in France might happen anywhere in civilization; hence a play of really universal interest.

"The Fascinating Widow."

Sometimes a comedian furnishes himself a laugh. Otis B. Thayer, who comes to the Gennett theater, matinee and night Feb. 20 in the new musical production "The Fascinating Widow" did recently. It was during the succesful run of the play at the Majestic theater, New York, that Thayer had been wining and dining and not until the hands of the clock pointed towards 8 p. m., did he realize that he had anything else in the world to do than satisfy a healthy appetite and a longing thirst. He grabbed his hat and cane, called a cab and ordered the driver to make a mad dash for the theater. After arriving there the actor discovered that he had forgotten to shave, and since his part is that of a smoothfaced New Englander, the absence of beard on the face was imperative. Remembering suddenly a gift that had been sent to him that day he went to his trunk and brought forth a bran new Gilette safety razor and begun with might and main to shave After working diligently for ten minutes or so, he took the razor into the next dresing room, threw it on the table, and said to one of his company, "Take that thing. Its a failure. I can't get any hair off with it." His friend cooly picked it up and said, "Otis, did you ever try a blade in one? Thayer played that night with a smile that wouldn't come off—and now even a safety razor has a warm spot in his heart.

"The Top O' Th' World."

Wherever the "Top o' th' World" has played, the newspapers have commented enthusiastically upon the work of the dancers of the chorus. The superiority of their work is accounted for by the fact that all of them were placed under long time contracts when the extravaganza opened in New York. Twelve of the fifteen original dancing girls remain in the company, and they have been playing for eighteen months with only five weeks rest last summer. One of the original girls was compelled to resign on account of illness and two have married and retired from the stage.

THIRD TRIAL FOR SUIT OF ONLY $15

Went Through Two Justice's Courts and Is Now Up in The Circuit Court.

ONLY SIX MEN IN THE JURY

THIS IS THE FIRST "ABBREVIATED" JURY TRIAL HELD IN THIS COUNTY IN YEARS—IS SUIT ON CLAIM.

After having been fought through two justice courts, the case of the Peter Johnson Company vs. Henry Pohlmeyer was heard on appeal in the circuit court today. The suit involves only $15. The regular petit jury was notified last week to appear today, but afterward was told its services would not be needed. This morning, the plaintiff's counsel Will Bond and Frank Conner asked for a jury. One composed of six men was decided upon. This is the first trial in which only six-jurors have been used that has been heard in the circuit court for years. The defense is represented by Wilfred Jessup.

The case has had an unusual career for one of apparently so small importance. In 1905 the transaction took place which provided the cause for action. Pohlmeyer awarded a contract in that year to Henry Johanning to place two furnace pipes in a residence at 104 and 106 South Fourteenth street. Johanning sublet the contract to the Peter Johnson Company and the work was done. Pohlmeyer claims that subsequently he paid Johanning by check for the work done. Several months ago Pohlmeyer received a bill from Johnson for the work. He refused to pay claiming that he had paid Johanning.

The matter was first aired in the court of Justice Beyerle. Before the proceedings had gone any distance, however, the case was withdrawn. Next it was entered in Squire Abbott's court. It came to trial and after the evidence had been heard, judgment was entered against Pohlmeyer. He took the appeal to the circuit court.

Dissolve Glass in Water.

At a sufficiently high temperature every kind of glass must eventually show complete solubility in water. Under pressure glass dissolves in water heated 410 degrees F. Sea water more than about 660 feet beneath the surface will remain liquid at that temperature, and if it penetrates the earth's crust where the temperature is equally high it will, apart from the pressure, liquefy the silicates or glassy rocks. An eminent authority has concluded that at a depth of about five miles silicates in contact with water are virtually fluid and that the level of aqueous fusion in the earth is five times nearer the surface than is that of igneous fusion.

Victim of Comic Valentine.

Girl Wounds the Man She Declares Her Mother Forced Her to Wed---Husband Alleged to Be Stepfather.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 15.—In the shooting, which is expected to result fatally, of William Smith, a carpenter, here yesterday afternoon, there came to light one of the strangest entanglement three persons ever lived under.

A girl, 22 years old, who shot Smith avers to the police that she married him knowing that her mother was already his legal wife. The three have lived for years together, the man as the husband of both.

The shooting occurred over the sending of a comic valentine. The girl, who styles herself Mrs. Cora Smith, while her mother is known by the name of Mrs. William Smith, sent the carpenter a comic valentine.

Smith grew angry when he received it, and after packing up his clothes, started to leave the house. Thinking he was going to desert her the girl shot him.

The girl's mother says she married Smith in 1902. Her daughter was by a former husband. A year after their marriage, she said her husband had improper relations with her daughter. She made him marry the girl, she says, without first securing a divorce.

The girl and husband both bear out the story.

STEEL TRUST NOW GETTING READY TO MAKE NEW VENTURE

As Contract With the Steel Car Company Has Expired, The Trust Will Start to Make Its Own Cars.

FAIL TO GET TOGETHER ON NEW AGREEMENT

Now for the First Time Independent Car Concerns Will Have an Opportunity to Offer Any Rates.

Pittsburg, Feb. 16.—The ten-year-old contract entered into between Andrew Carnegie and the makers of steel cars regarding plates has expired.

Efforts of the United States Steel corporation which took over the Carnegie Steel company with its agreements since Carnegie made the deal, have failed to result in a new agreement with the steel car people, and the makers of steel cars will go out into the open market for their steel plates.

For the first time since the street car came into prominence, the independents have a chance to offer rates to car makers, for Carnegie had bound car makers up with tight agreement as to plates, he, on the other hand, agreeing not to erect a steel car making plant of his own during the ten years. The steel corporation has respected this agreement, but now it has expired the air is filled with rumors.

No New Agreement.

No secret is made by steel car makers that they will not sign a new agreement at the rate of the one just closed though that one was on a sliding scale.

The corporation according to information given out here, wants the car makers to sign an agreement even higher than the one just closed, and if they don't it is to be inferred that the corporation will embark in the manufacture of steel cars itself. The fact that President Corey some time ago announced that the corporation would spend at least $1,000,000 in a new plant for car wheels is taken now to have meant that the corporation would go further if necessary and erect an entirely new steel car making plant.

It is pointed out in Pittsburg that even though car makers obtain lower rates on steel plates from the independents, as they say they have already done, that the corporation, should it enter the car making field, as it is now in position to do, can furnish from its own mills plates at a rate much lower than any other carmakers can obtain from independents and in this way would be enabled to make the steel cars cheaper than any outside concern can do.

Rates Are Asked For.

An effort was made on Saturday by both sides to get together on the matter, but to no avail, and the contract was allowed to expire.

The Pressed Steel Car company and the Standard Steel Car company, which yet virtually control the car making business, have asked rates from the leading independents on plates. Among those who make plates besides the United States Steel Corporation are Jones & Laughlin, the Cambria Steel company, Pennsylvania Steel company, Lukens Iron Works, Lackawanna Steel company and the Bethlehem Steel company.

Unique Cannon.

It is a curious fact that when the island of Malta was in possession of the Templars those doughty knights defended their forts by means of cannon cut into the solid rock. Each of these strange engines of war was capable of containing an entire barrel of gunpowder and, it is said, could throw 10,000 pounds of projectiles. Inasmuch, however, as these natural cannon could not be aimed, fifty were cut out of the rock guarding the various channels of approach, and the vessels of that time were therefore unable to come within their own range before being annihilated by the big weapons of defense. Although the fame of these cannon was spread far and wide, they were not duplicated elsewhere, and to this day they remain the only rock cannon of which there exists any record.—Chicago Record-Herald.

REPORT MADE ON MUNICIPAL PLANT

Institution Shown to Be in Excellent Condition.

The following excellent report of the municipal electric light plant for the business done during January was approved by council last evening:

Receipts.

From street lighting	$1,887.50
From light and power	6,695.95
	$8,583.45

Disbursements.

Operating expense	$2,523.89
Building and equipment	131.64
	$2,655.53
Excess receipts over operating expenses	$6,059.56

Pepys and the Hare's Foot.

Rheumatism is not the only ailment for which the possession of a hare's foot has been a specific. Mr. Pepys had one as a charm against the colic, but he was never quite sure whether he ought to be grateful to it. At the end of 1664, noting his abnormally good health for some months past, he remarked, "But I am at a great loss to know whether it be my hare's foot or taking every morning a pill of turpentine or my having left off the wearing of a gown." Three weeks later a friend showed him that his hare's foot was defective, not having "the joint to it"—"and it is a strange thing how fancy works, for I no sooner handled his foot but I became very well and so continue." Pepys got another hare's foot and thrived again, but in March we find him still wondering whether this was due to the charm or to the turpentine pill.

One Way to Vex Your Hostess.

If you want to vex your hostess and her servants flick the ashes of your cigarette into your coffee cup. You may not know it, but cigarette ashes play the very dickens if they get into the dishwater. Any woman will tell you this. And you will be doing a kindness if you ask for an ash receiver. It is less bother in the end.—New York Sun.