

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., October 30, 1903.

### Refuses a Bequest.

Sealed Packet Left Bryan Gave Him \$50,000. P. S. Bennett's Will Also Benefitted Him \$30,000 Outright, Mrs. Bryan Drew Will.

The mysterious sealed letter which the late Philo S. Bennett, of New Haven, Conn., left with the Merchants' Safe Deposit company in New York with his will was taken to New Haven last Wednesday afternoon and opened by Judge Livingston W. Cleveland, of the probate court, where a continued hearing on the admission of the will to probate was held. The missing document had been turned over to William J. Bryan and Judge Henry Stoddard, of New Haven, counsel for Mr. Bennett, the widow.

After Judge Cleveland had read the letter he passed it to Mrs. Bennett's counsel and to the two executors. Mr. Bryan had a copy of the letter in his pocket. The letter was:

New Haven, May 22, 1900.

My Dear Wife: In my will just executed I have bequeathed to you \$75,000 and the Bridgeport houses and have in addition to this made you the residuary legatee of a sum which will amount to \$25,000 more. This will give you a larger income than you can spend while you live, and will enable you to make bountiful provisions for those you desire to remember in your will. In my will, you will find the following provisions:

"I give and bequeath unto my wife, Grace Imogene Bennett, \$50,000 in trust, however, for the purpose set forth in a sealed letter which will be found with this will. It is my desire that the \$50,000 conveyed to you in trust by this provision shall be by you paid to William Jennings Bryan, of Lincoln, Neb., or to his heirs if I survive him."

I am earnestly devoted to the political principles which Mr. Bryan advocates and believe the welfare of the nation depends upon the triumph of those principles. As I am not so able as he to defend those principles with tongue and pen, and as his political work prevents the application of his time and talents to money making, I consider it a duty, as I find it a pleasure, to make this provision for his financial aid, so that he may be free to devote himself to his chosen field of labor.

If for any reason he is unwilling to receive this sum for himself, it is my will that he shall distribute the said \$50,000 according to his judgment among educational and charitable institutions. I have sent a duplicate of this letter to Mr. Bryan, and it is my desire that no one excepting you and Mr. Bryan himself shall know of this letter and bequest. For this reason I will place letter in a sealed envelope and direct that it shall be opened only by you and read by you alone.

P. S. BENNETT.

The will was typewritten by Mr. Bryan's wife, as was disclosed during the hearing and was substantially drawn up at the Bryan homestead during a visit there of Mr. Bennett. The will leaves other funds in trust to the Bryan family, \$30,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan for them to use in educational and charitable works, \$10,000 to Mrs. Bryan for charitable uses under her direction, and \$1,500 for the founding of a free library in the little town of Salem, Ill., to be known as the Bennett-Bryan Library. Salem is Bryan's old home, and he said during the hearing that he had purchased his boyhood homestead out of his own pocket, for a site for the memorial library.

Before the hearing was adjourned last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Bryan announced in court, after a sharp cross-examination by the widow's counsel, and the public declared intention of Mrs. Bennett would stubbornly contest the provisions in the sealed letter, that he would not accept a cent for himself, but that he maintained his right to spend the \$50,000 for educational and charitable purposes. Mrs. Bennett's counsel said that Mrs. Bennett was thoroughly competent to expend that sum for the purposes named and that not a cent of it would go to Mr. Bryan if they could prevent it.

Thomas J. Stoly, Francis Bell and Louis H. Bristol, all of Brooklyn, N. Y., testified that they signed the will as witnesses, but each swore that he did not see Mr. Bennett sign the document. They said that Mr. Bennett told them that the signature was his. This took place in the office of the Bennett & Sloan Co., 100 Hudson street, New York. Then Mr. Bryan was called to the witness stand. He carried a big bundle of documents. He told the court how they had obtained the sealed letter. Mr. Bryan said that the letter should not be opened except by Mrs. Bennett to whom it was addressed.

"I understand," interrupted Judge Stoddard, "that Mr. Bryan, either personally or in trust, has or will have some claim on Mrs. Bennett if she has anything to do with this sealed document. For that reason I have advised her not to receive the letter. We are prepared to contest the claim that it is a part of the will in any way. But if the court chooses, we have no objection to the opening of the letter here. My client has no knowledge of what is in the letter."

The letter was then read. Mr. Bryan after this started to tell the story of his relationship to Mr. Bennett. Much of the private correspondence between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Bennett whose mutual acquaintance dates back only to the former's 1896 campaign, was read by Mr. Bryan himself. Out of the roll of manuscript which he had, Mr. Bryan selected letter after letter and turned them over to Judge Cleveland as exhibits in the case.

The freedom with which he read these letters surprised those in the crowded court room. He explained that he first became acquainted with Mr. Bennett while riding on a train from New York to New Haven in the campaign of 1896. Mr. Bryan continued:

"I next met him after the election that year, but I met so many people during the political campaign that I could not recall his face on hearing his name—though I soon recognized his face as that of one whom I had met before."

In one of the letters Mr. Bennett said in part, under date of October 30th, 1896:

"The beting here in (in Connecticut) is 3 to 1 against you. Notwithstanding that I think you will win. If you are defeated I will give you \$3,000. You must know my feeling of gratitude for what you have done for the cause of humanity."

"He followed out this agreement," testified Mr. Bryan, "and on the first of each succeeding March for three years I received a check for \$1,000 from Mr. Bennett."

"Were these trust provisions in the will talked over by you and your wife, Mr. Bryan?"

"Yes, but I'm not sure that my wife was

at all of these conferences," said Mr. Bryan. "Where?"

"In Nebraska, in the spring of 1900." "In the letter to you from Mr. Bennett which accompanied the copy of the sealed letter did he not ask you to accept \$40,000, \$10,000 of it for your wife, and to invest \$15,000 for your three children?"

"No," Mr. Bryan promptly answered Mr. Bryan "it was \$50,000."

Continuing, Mr. Bryan said: "After sending the \$3,000 there was no further talk of money between us till the campaign of 1900. He visited me at my hotel in New York then and gave me \$500. These were the only times prior to making the will that the subject of money was spoken of between us."

"He came to Nebraska in the spring of 1900 and we planned the will. He said that he desired to make me the direct bequest of \$50,000. It was at a time when I knew I was to be nominated for the presidency again, and I felt reasonably sure of election. I thought if I were elected I wouldn't need the money from him. He suggested," and here Mr. Bryan smiled broadly for the first time during the long hearing, "that I would need it more if I were elected."

After more details Mr. Bryan said:

"Mr. Bennett then suggested that it be made a trust for his wife and that, if I wanted it, to take it in this way, in which there would be no publicity. It was to be so arranged in the trust that if I shouldn't want it I could take it for the educational and charitable purposes he outlined. We then decided on the form of the sealed letter."

Mr. Bryan then told of another gift which was more of a fee for services. He said:

"When the will was finished he paid me \$300."

Then came the letter of Dec. 5th, 1900, in which Mr. Bennett wrote:

"I do hope you will accept the \$50,000 and give \$10,000 to your wife and \$5,000 for each of your children. If you don't accept it use it for the educational and charitable purposes."

Just before the hearing closed, Mr. Bryan told the court that he would insist on receiving Mr. Bennett's bequest for the secondary uses described. He added that he was ready to make an attested statement to be introduced as evidence, that he would not accept the gift for himself should such action be contrary to Mrs. Bennett's. The hearing will go on.

### Parkhurst to Dowie.

New York Sensationalist Pays His Respects to the Chicago Zionist.

The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst Thursday sent the following letter to Mr. Dowie:

"I do not want to be presuming, but doubt if it is any more presumptive in me to come and try to clarify you than it is for you to come and try to clarify New York; and I do not know which of us has taken the heavier contract."

I attended your service at Madison Square Garden Thursday evening, and I was determined to enjoy it if I could, and to be benefited by it, and to go away and refute some of the charges that I had heard alleged against you, but it was of no use; your behavior on the platform crushed every throbb of sympathy I had with you.

"I never heard from a public speaker such a discharge of effervescent wrath and coarse invectives. I went to hear you preach the gospel, and you preached Dowie, Zion City, 'stink-pot.' I was ashamed of you, and almost ashamed to be in your audience. It was a long way below the standard even of the circus that I have attended in the same garden.

"The only consolation I could derive was that it was so abominable and so far beyond the bounds of the respectable that even those in your congregation who did not know what Christianity is would have no idea that it had anything to do with what you were saying. Of course, the ridiculousness of the performance was only enhanced by the immensity of your pretensions. If you claimed to be only an ordinary man there might be some hope for you even with what you call the 'rabble,' but the rabble is discriminating and can discriminate as keen as between a prophet and a juggler, between an Elijah and a mountebank."

"I say this is no spirit of anger, but either your head is twisted or your heart infected, or you have blundered badly in your methods. You cannot bully people into Zionism nor blackguard them into the kingdom of heaven I hope you will take this in the kindly spirit in which it is offered, and that it will be blessed to you."

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### THE MEANNESS OF PA JONES.

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"That was in my vest with my ticket," he explained briefly. "I'll do it till I get home. I'll start to-night."

"Couldn't you stay a day or two longer? Lunches is cheap," suggested Ma.

"Go to sleep somehwere. That costs. No, I'll go. I've seen some." The look and tone were forelorn.

The work-worn fingers in the shabby glove fumbled uncertainly with the little wad of bills. Their owner glanced uncertainly at Bob, who frowned at her unspoken thought.

"Ya said I might do as I pleased with it, Bobbie."

"I never meant that!" he answered.

Ma swallowed hard as she thought of the pretty things she had planned to buy for the barren house, and of the long desired bits of china. It was only for a moment. Suddenly the bent figure straightened, the faded eyes deepened, and a look of quiet determination settled about the sweet mouth. Bob instinctively understood. With an incoherent exuse he dashed off, saying to himself as he went:

"Hanged if she shan't have it, if it takes every blamed cent I've got."

Ma had forgotten him. "Pa, I know Bob won't mind. You take this stay. It's only twelve dollars, but it'll last a little while, anyway."

"But the chiny—" protested her husband.

"I never outd enjoy that chiny, remember in—"

Pa's calmness deserted him. His eyes filled. His chin quivered.

"Marthy—" said he.—By Cook Fuller in the Household-Ledger.

### Outdoor Life.

Cured Surgeon of Consumption Without Use of Medicine.

Without the use of medicine and by leading an outdoor life, away from the comforts of large communities, Surgeon Thomas A. Berryhill, U. S. N., has succeeded within two years in entirely curing himself of consumption. Surgeon Berryhill, who has just returned to duty as head of the medical department of the cruiser Baltimore, now fitting out at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, says he is as sound now as ever.

Two years ago, after a term of duty at the bacteriological laboratory at the local yard, he discovered that his lungs had become affected with tuberculosis. In a few months he lost 40 pounds in weight, and the disease was making rapid progress, when he went before a medical board of survey and obtained a leave of absence for 15 months. He then set out to eradicate the disease from his system according to his own ideas. That summer he spent in camping in Michigan. From there he went to Indian Territory and lived on a ranch for several months. Meeting a young bank clerk similarly afflicted, the surgeon suggested that the two establish a camp in Texas. This they did on a plain about 100 miles from San Antonio and more than a thousand feet above the sea level.

Though the temperature occasionally reached the freezing point, they always slept with the sides of the tent up. The days were spent in recreation and exercise. Surgeon Berryhill tells of large bags of quail and grouse, long strings of fish, and hunts for coons and squirrels and coyotes, to show how he and his companion kept themselves occupied. Tiring of all other forms of amusement, they set to work to exterminate a species of rat that overran the country.

When he went to Texas the surgeon could not walk a mile without getting tired. Before leaving there he could hunt all day with a heavy gun and not be exhausted. At the expiration of his leave the medical board decided to give him another six months, and he returned to the West. Now physicians tell him he is entirely well.

Surgeon Berryhill does not seem to think that his case is extraordinary. "Cures are frequently effected," he said. "We have cured consumptives right here in the Naval hospital. What is required is plenty of air, recreation and wholesome food. During the time I was on leave I took almost no medicine. I did take a little tonic, but when I found it did not agree with me I let it go."

The Surgeon says that atopexis show that 65 per cent. of the subjects have had their lungs affected at some time or other. New York Tribune.

### Investor Leaves \$4,000,000 for Harvard.

Gordon McKay, the millionaire inventor of shoemaking machinery who died at his home in Newport, R. I., Thursday, had left \$4,000,000 to Harvard University. McKay became wealthy by improving Blake's sewing machine, which he purchased in 1859.

A LOVE LETTER.—Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed Salve for sores, Burns or Piles. Otto Dodd, of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Euklon's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best Salve on earth. 25c at Green's Pharmacy drug store."

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