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SILVER SPECULATION

David T. Littler Tells About Cameron's Little Deal.

PURCHASED BEFORE THE VOTE.

He Says He Knows of No Silver Pool and Was Not Connected with a Lobby, but He Talked Silver Casually with the Senators-The "Newspaper Rascals."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-The special house committee charged with the silver investigation met again yesterday afternoon. Lavid T. Littler, of Spring-field, Ills., whom Senator Vest had named as the purchaser of silver, was examined. Mr. Littler said he had pur-chased silver for himself and for Senator Cameron while the silver legislation was pending. He had bought between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of silver on his own account. He said he had bought a small amount of silver for Senator Cameron (about \$100,000 worth). This was shortly after Littler had made his own investment and before the sil-ver bill had passed the senate. He had never bought any silver for any other senator, representative or other government official.

He had met Senator Cameron and talked with him about matters in general, and during the conversation the subject of silver came up and he told the senator that he had purchased silver and thought it was a good investment. He had also talked with Senator Vest and with other persons about the silver question, but denied that he had talked with these gentlemen with a view to encouraging them to purchase silver or to influence legislation with regard to it. The silver he purchased for Senator Cameron was in the form of exchange on Calcutta, the same as his own individual purchase.

The witness denied attending any conference on the silver question while in Washington. Mr. Littler said that he was very much provoked by some of the ed reports to the effect that he publish was in Washington to influence silver legislation and denounced them as unqualified lies.

Referring to the published statement that he had promised to come to Wash-ington and "show the rascals up," he said he might have made the statement but if he did he referred not to congressmen, but to the newspaper men who were sending these reports through-out the country. He denied having any connection with, or knowing of any silver pool, and he did not believe that one existed. His silver investment paid him between \$6,000 and \$7,000. Senator Cameron's gain, he thought, was between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Replying to a question he said that his acquaintance with Mr. Owenby (who gave the information on which correspondent Stevens based his article in The St. Louis Globe Democrat) was limited and he did not know Owenby's character.

In reply to a question as to whether he had asked Senator Cameron to let him purchase silver for him, or if Senator Cameron had come to him in con-nection with the matter, Mr. Littler said that as he recollected it the senator had come to him and said, "Dave,'I want

you to buy me some silver." In conclusion the witness said that he talked to Senator Vest in the same manner he had talked to others about silver. but while he might have expressed the opinion that silver would advance, he had never tried to induce any of them to purchase silver.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .- Senator Cameron has not yet asked to be heard by the silver pool investigating committee. Chairman Dingley said that if the com-mittee had known that Senator Vest would incriminate Mr. Cameron by his testimony, it would have insisted on nearing him on the Saturday preceding the senatorial election at Harrisburg.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE. Senator Cameron Re-elected-Pattison's Cabinet Confirmed.

HARRISBURG. Jan. 21.-The campaign against Senator Cameron was a flat failure. When the legislature met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon both houses proceeded at once to ballot for United States senator. In the senate Cameron received 31: Black, 15 votes. Senator Logan (Dem.) voted for J. C. Aibly. Three Democrats were absent. In the house the vote was: Cameron, 113; Black, 77; Taggart, 7; Dr. T. L. Flood, 1; Judge Harry White, 1; absent, 3. After the inauguration the senate met

and confirmed the appointments made by Governor Beaver, and also the cabiby Governor Beaver, and also the cam-net sent in by Governor Pattison, as follows: Secretary of the common-wealth, William F. Harrity, of Phila-delphia; attorney general, W. U. Hen-sel, of Lancaster; adjutant general, Capt. William McClelland, of Pitts-

HARRISBURG, Jan. 22. - Speaker Thompson announced his standing committees in the house. Eighty-one bills were introduced, mostly of a local character. The two houses met in joint session and J. Donald Cameron was formally elected United States senator.

Representative Brooks introduced an amendment to the wholesale liquor law, providing that not less than one gallon of spirituous or five gallons' of malt liquor shall be sold by a wholesale dealer, and making it unlawful for such dealer to allow liquor to be drunk on the premises.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 23 .- There were 120 bills introduced in the house yesterday. The floodgates were down, and every man had one or more bills, cover-ing all variety of subjects, from high license and the abolition of trusts down to paying for wild cat scalps and for she ep killed by dogs.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 24.-The house re-mained in session for an hour and a quarter yesterday, and during that time a number of bills were introduced and others were reported from the committees and placed on the calendar. Then the house got down to business and the ballot reform bill was taken up and read the first time.

Appreciates Sleeping Beauties.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 26. - Knoxville, a suburb of Pittsburg, is excited over a nocturnal visitor. He does not attempt to steal, but enters ladies' bedchambers and stands and gazes at the sleepers until they awaken, when he hastily departs. A number of houses have been entered by the man and the occupants aroused. He is described as being 35 years of age, undersized and wrapped up in a huge overcoat. People in Knoxville believe him to be some harmless crank. An effort is being made to secure his arrest.

Collector Cooper Is Skeptical. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24. - Collector Cooper, when seen in reference to the above dispatch, treated it with indiffer-above dispatch, treated it with indiffer-ence. "There is no truth in such ru-mors," he said. "I do not put a par-ticle of credence in the truth of that or any similar dispatch." A prominent politician said: "It is utterly out of all probability that the administration would antagonize both the Pennsyl. would antagonize both the Pennsylvania senators, especially in view of Senator Cameron's re-election.

He Sold Original Packages.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 26.—The case against J. M. Larzelere, of Marietta, for violating the liquor law in selling whisky in original packages, was disposed of in court. It was shown that Larzelere received whisky from Baltimore and sold it in the same package. When Larze-lere was advised by his counsel that he was violating the law he went out of the business. The court agreed that a verdict of not guilty should be entered n payment of costs by the accused.

THE HISTORY OF A WEEK

Wednesday, Jan. 21. Influenza is epidemic at May's Landing,

N. J. A wild engine caused a wreck at Athens, Pa. by which one man was killed and sev-eral injured. The will of Eleanor J. W. Baker, filed at

Boston, bequeaths \$21,00) to various mission-ary societies The report that the president has delivcred a severe lecture to the civil service com-

missioners is denied. Jacob Walters and son Harry, fireman at

the Carnegie works, were run over and killed by a train at Braddock, Pa. The New Jersey Socialists have decided to establish their headquarters at Elizabeth, it being a rapidly growing Socialistic center.

Thursday, Jan. 22.

New York city is to have a new morning

The Chattanooga city council has elected J. B. Merriam mayor to fill the unexpired term of John A. Hart, deceased.

Much gossip has been set afloat in England by the authenticated statement that the duke of Bedford really committed suicide by shooting himself.

The shortage in the accounts of Supreme Treasurer Krause, of the Patrons of Industry, of Michigan, was made good at Port Huron by his bondsmen.

John Ambrose, the night clerk of the Planters' hotel, in Sloux City, Ia., who re-sisted the burglars robbing the money drawer, had his skull fractured by blows with an iron

Thomas Graham, known as the king of the horse thieves, was arrested in Chicago. He is the supposed leader of a band of horse thieves who have operated extensively in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, where hundreds of animals have been st

Friday, Jan. 23.

The Omaha, the flagship of the Asiatic station, has been ordered to Panama.

injured five men. In the Wisconsin house, a bill was introduced to make the maximum rate on railroads in the state for round trip tickets, 2

cents a mile. Frank Walk, aged 14, of Butler valley, Pa., killed himself because his father would not permit him to attend a revival meeting three times a week.

James Wilson, of Trenton. took five pills. He supposed they contained arsenic, for he wanted to die; but found that quininepills only made him sick.

A burglar, in broad daylight, presented two revolvers at the head of Mrs. Striker, a storekeeper at Mt. Holly, N. J., but her screams attracting attention, the would be robber ran off without receiving any plunder

Saturday, Jan. 24. This is the coldest winter Cuba has ever

known. Dynamite is being used to clear the River

sine of ice. Harvey B. Dodsworth, the famous band

master, is dead, Anthony Barnes is wanted in New York to receive a fortune of \$10,000, left by his mother.

Bainbridge Wadleigh, formerly United States senator from New Hampshire, died in Boston, aged 6).

Senator-elect Hansbrough, of Dakota, is reported to have made pledges to the Democrats to secure his election.

Owing to indisposition Mrs. Harrison was unable to hold her usual Saturday afternoon ception at the White House.

Members of the South Dakota legislature stated that they had been offered bribes to vote for the re-election of Senator Moody.

Never since the war has Paris known such misery as now. Thousands of working men have been thrown out of employment by the evere weather. A court at Rock Island, Ills., has decided

against the legality of the appointments made by Bishop Esher, of the German Evangelical association. Mrs. Elbridge G. Reed is in custody at Salam, N. H., accused of conspiracy with Dan Murphy and Frank Woods in the mur-

IS HAMILTON ALIVE? Friends Discredit the Story of His

Death in Idaho. A RUSE TO GET RID OF EVA

Suspicious Circumstances Attending the Mysterious Disappearance and Reported Death of Robert Ray Hamilton-Advantages That Might Accrue from An Invented Story of Death.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 .- Interest in the Robert Ray Hamilton sensation has been revived by the editorial expression in The Sun of a shrewd suspicion that has recently been quietly discussed in circles where the unfortunate scion of the house of Hamilton was best known. The Sun doubts the truth of the report of Mr. Hamilton's death and produces plausible arguments to sustain its suspicion. After detailing the story of Mr. Hamilton's embarrassing entanglement with an adventuress and the circum-stances of the alleged discovery of his dead body in Idaho last September, the sagacious Sun sums up as follows:

It is certainly most remarkable that Mr. Hamilton did not receive prompt and full information of his son's death. and that a friend of the family should have waited two weeks to notify him and then sent no particulars except by letter. It was strange that Mr. Speir happened to be in the vicinity at the time, and that just at this time Mr. Green, another friend, made a detour to visit Hamilton's ranch in the wilderness

The Confidential Advisor.

It is also quite significant that Mr. E. R. Vollmer, of this city, who had charge of Mr. Hamilton's confidential business matters, disappeared and went west, according to the newspapers of last fall, just before the discovery of the body. It is peculiar, to say the least, that instead of hastening home to tell the shocking story to the bereaved family, both Mr. Speir and Mr. Moore decided to remain some time at the ranch, and Mr. Moore, in writing to the brother of Mr. Hamilton, said they stayed because "Mr. Sargent seems to want us to.

It is also noticeable that Mr. Hamilton, who had only been in possession of his ranch for six weeks, should have gone out alone in the wilds of the west to hunt and shoot, at a time, too, when he was expecting visitors who had notified him of their coming and who wished to participate in the sport. Moreover, according to the dispatches. Mr. Green expressed surprise, when he returned to Helena after his shooting expedition in the Yellowstone park, that the public had heard nothing of Mr. Hamilton's fate, though, if Mr. Green's first statement was accurately reported. the dispatches had been forwarded more than ten days previously.

Buried in the Wilderness.

Neither Mr. Hamilton's father nor his brother hastened to the west to bring the body home, leaving it to be buried at the ranch. His death had annulled the marriage from which he had been trying to escape, and it only remained to determine the settlement of his property, and to put the claimant for a dower interest in his estate to the trouble of contesting the case for her-self. As soon as Mr. Hamilton's death was announced, Mr. Vollmer returned from the west and produced the will, which was immediately presented for probate.

As it made no provision for the woman claiming to be his widow, she began to contest on her release from prison. Without the slightest difficulty the lawyers retained in behalf of the estate drew out from the unfortunate creature the evidence of her shame. wrung from her the admission that she had sustained martial relations with a drunken vagabond before she met Mr. Hamilton, and that therefore her marriage with the latter was illegal, and finally obtained her confession that the child she had presented as Hamilton's was neither his nor hers.

If You had a Friend.

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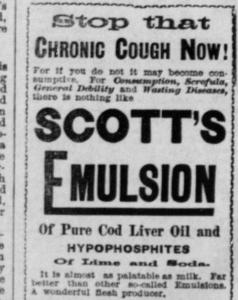
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Balloting for United States senator has commenced at Springfield, fils. Palmer re-ceived 101 votes, Oglesby, 190, and Streeter, 3.

A noon lunch is a popular feature of a reli-gious revival at Cape May.

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CONGRESSIONAL RESUME.

The Week's Work of the Fifty-first

Congress. WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.-In the senate the whole time was given up to a discussion of the closure rule and the elections bill, brought forth through a motion of Mr. Gorman to amend the journal. The senate remained in session till midnight.

The house was in a wrangle again during a discussion on the approval of the journal. The journal was finally approved and the previous question on the District bill was ordered at 5 o'clock. At that time no quorum being present, the proceedings dragged along until 6:15 p.m., when the house adjourned, the bill going over as unfinished business.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. - In the house the journal of last Tuesday was finally approved. The District of Columbia appropriation bill was then passed without further difficulty, and the house in committee of the whole considered the naval appropriation bill.

In the senate Mr. Aldrich moved considera-tion of his resolution to amend the rules. A point of order was made by Mr. Harris that the question before the senate was the appro-val of Tuesday's journal. After an extended debate the point was overruled and the clo-sure rule was brought before the senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. - In the house, on de-mand of Mr. Breckinridge, of Arkansas, the journal was read in full and after some dejournal was read in full and after some de-bate was approved. There were some sharp passes between the speaker and Mr. Cooper, of indiana, growing outof a point of order by Mr. McKinley. The house then went into committee of the whole on the naval appro-priation bill, but, without action, adjourned. The senate passed the day discussing the closure rule. Mr. Cockreil and Mr. Gray ad-dressed the senate in opposition. WASBINGTON, Jan. 26.—The flag raised over the senate wing of the Capitol Thursday fore-noon is still flying, and as it will not be hauled down until the Benate adjourns, it is likely to remain flying several days longer, as the Re-

remain flying several days longer, as the Re-publicans refuse to adjourn till the closure rule is adopted. Saturlay's session was de-voted to debate of that measure, Mr. Stewart, Banching Republican, opposing it. A recess was taken till Monday.

It took two hours of the house session to

It took two hours of the house session to read, discuss and approve the journal. The rest of the day was devoted to the naval ap-propriation bill without reaching a vote. WASNINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Senate met at noon, and Mr. Morgan continued his speech against closure rule and election bills. In the house the reading of the journal in full was demanded by the Democrats. Mr. McKinley demanded the previous question. On appeal the journal was ordered read. The journal was approved and the house went journal was approved and the house went into committee of the whole on the naval appropriation bill.

To Prison for Life.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—John Curtin, the young man who, with his younger brother, Cornelius Curtin, killed John Sloan on April 6 last, at No. 135 Cherry street, was sentenced to imprisonment for life by Judge Martine in part II. of the court of general sessions.

A Crash in Montana

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 37.-H. H. Lord, of Devil's Lake. N. D., was killed and eight other persons were budly injured in a collision between two trains on the Northern Pacific railway.

Practiced Without a Diploma.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 26 .- For some time past a man of about 30 years, who pretended to be Dr. McCloskey, has been prescribing for and attending patients about this place, Schuylkill Haven and Cressona, chiefly women and girls: but Constable Fiddler, of Cressona, arrested him, when he confessed in writing that he was no doctor, but plain James Walsh, and was then allowed to go upon his promise to leave the neighborhood.

Capt. Maloney Buried.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 24.—The funeral of Capt. Thomas P. Maloney, of Company D, Eighth regiment, was one of the largest ever held in this city, and brought out an immense concourse of people. It is estimated that 10,000 people viewed the remains as they lay in state on a bier in the center of the long armory hall, flanked on either side by a detail from the City Grays' cadets. The floral offerings were profuse and elegant.

Libel Suits Withdrawn.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 26.-Ex-Dis-trict Attorney Thomas W. Pierce, late Democratic candidate for congress, has withdrawn his libel suits, one for \$10,000 damages and the other on a criminal basis. The suits involved Congressman-elect John B. Robinson and other prom-inent local politicians, as well as the publishers of The West Chester Daily Republican. The latter retracted its charges charges.

Sorry He Killed His Wife.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 26.—William Faulk, who shot and killed his wife back of Laurel station, on the Fort Wayne rail-road, in a fit of insanity, has come to a realizing sense of his crime. He cried and bemoaned the loss of his wife and told his brother that he did not know what possessed him to kill her, as his lations with his wife had always been of the most pleasant character.

Caught Opening Letters.

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 24.—Postoffice Inspec-tors McCalmont and Dixon, of Pitta-burg, have arrested Elmer E. Wade, of the custom house for robbing the mails. For several months registered letters have been missed, and they were finally traced to the Erie office in transit. The young man, who is the son of a prominent politician, was caught in the act of opening letters.

Bishop Bowman Defiant,

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 26.-Bishop Bowman. of Chicago, who is here, says he will preside at the east Pennsylvania conference, which will convene here on February 26, unless prevented by physical force.

Killed by the "Flyer."

LANEDALE, Pa., Jan. 24.-The "Beth-ehem Flyer" struck and killed an Italian and fatally wounded another, at the iron bridge which crosses Saucon creek, between Heliertown and Bethlehem. der of her husband

The two Bradford, Pa., absconders, Hobinson and Rich, were held by the court at Ham-

liton, Ont., on a capias such out by the Meyer Rubber company, of New York. Monday, Jan. 26.

Champion Skater Donoghue arrived from Europe on the Germanic. There are more window glass workers idle in Pittsburg now than at any time since 1885.

Sir Edwin Arnold, who has been residing in Japan, for some time, has started for The first spadeful of earth taken out for the

Chicago exposition work will be dug on the lake front next Tuesday.

The three granger members of the Michi-gan legislature have vetoed the Democratic plan of reapportionment.

The president has nominated Col. Daniel W. Flagler to be chief of ordinance, with the rank of brigadier general.

The president has nominated Marcus W. Acheson to be United States circuit judge for the Third (Pennsylvania) district.

Frank Edwards, aged 8 years, was drowned by falling into the rushing waters of a broken sewer at Paterson, N. J. The body was not The first colored lawyers who ever argued

a case before the Maryland court of appeals are Charles F. Johnson and George M. Lane, of Baltimore, who have just been admitted.

Tuesday, Jan. 27.

The Hamburg distillery, at Pekin, Ills., was burnel, involving a loss of \$105,000. Lucy Decker Young, the eighth wife of Brigham Young, is dead. There are only seven left, including Amelia Folsom, the

Michael J. Kelly, proprietor of the Balti-more honse, Pacific and Missouri avenues, Atlantic City, died from the effects of a paralytic stroke.

Sigmund Abraham, dealer in dry and fancy goods at No. 504 Tenth avenue, has made an assignment to Louis Lowenstein, with a pref-erence of \$304 to the H. B. Claffn company.

The British steamers City of Belfast, Bushmill, and the Dunmurry, the latter launched on Jan. 5, have been chartered by the Bald-win Locomotive works to carry locomotives to Sydney, N. S. W.

While coupling cars in the west yard, at While coupling cars in the west yard, at Wilmington, Matthew Haley, a brakeman, was instantly killed by a passing train, which completely severed his head from his body. He was an Unimarried man, 25 years of a.c. Thomas Sowder, an aged hermit who lived in an old shanty near Dundee. Md., is dead from pneumonia. He had lived as a recluse ence line here here to this meter to be

since 1840, when he came to this country from Germany. His companions were cats and

THE MARKETS.

dogs.

Quotations from the Philadelphia and New York Exchanges.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.-The market was dull throughout the day, and the changes in quotations were unimportant. There were few transactions and the trading attracted Top railroad reports coal shipments for the week ending Saturday amounting to \$6,000 tons, an increase over the corresponding week last year of 15,316 tons. The total amount shipped this year is 148,920 tons, an increase of 41,075 tons.

The following were the closing bids: Lehigb Valley.... 50% Reading g. m. 4s. 79 N. Pac. com 25% Reading 1st pf. 5s. 54 N. Pac. pf....... 60% Reading 2d pf. 5s. 35% Pennsylvania. 51% Reading 34 pf. 5s. 27% 16% 11. & R. T. com..... Reading Lahlgh Nav.

47% H. & B. T. pf 51% W. N. Y. & P. 714 the harbor by a snow storm.

Eva's Claim Disposed Of.

Her case was thrown out of court at once, and the surrogate decided, finally, conclusively and absolutely, that she had no claim on Mr. Hamilton's name or fortune. Then came a suggestive proceeding. Mr. Hamilton's will WBS again presented for probate, and the astonishing statement was made by the surrogate that the evidence of death was insufficient. Neither of the two men who said they had seen the dead body" and recognized it, was present. One of them, Mr. Hamilton's partner in the ranch, was said to be snowed up in Idaho; and the other, Mr. Green, was in Europe. A commission was ordered to take the testimony of these two per-

sons, and the end is not yet. • If Mr. Hamilton is not dead, he can now with safety return to his home. The woman who crossed his path has no longer a claim upon him. The child that he felt himself called upon to sup-port, and to whom he left as his adopted daughter an annuity of \$1,200 a year, is confessedly of another's blood. His estate is free from entanglements, as it was left mostly to his brother, who can pass it back and let Mr. Hamilton start in life anew.

A Skillful Expedient.

There are those who knew Robert Ray Hamilton well who have never be-lieved for a single moment the story of his death. Taciturn, secretive, self assertive, skillful in expedients as they knew him to be, they believe he foresaw that his only way of escape from a most distressing situation was by hiding behind the shelter of an invented death. Should he return he will now find himself under no compulsion to appear in court, to face a judge or a jury, to hear and perhaps tell the story of his shame or to meet his tormentor face to face. The tangle has all been skillfully unraveled, the judgment given, and, if living, the way of life for Robert Ray if Hamilton is once more straightened out before him.

Not Hamilton's Widow,

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Surrogate Ran-som rendered a decision in the contest of the will of Robert Ray Hamilton that on Jan. 7, 1889, the date of the ceremony of marriage between the contestant and Hamilton, the contestant was the lawful wife of Jochua Mann, and that the ceremony was void, and therefore the contestant has no rights as widow to come in and contest the will offered for probate.

Delayed by a Snow Storm.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 27,-The steamer Polynesis, which arrived yesterday from Liverpool, was delayed nine hours off



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