"THE FIRST BATTLE"

A Review of Hon. Willam J. Bryan's Book.

MRS. BRYAN ADDS SKETCHES.

Devoted to His Connection with the Silver Movement, Bimetallism, the "Bolting Democrats," Trusts and the Civil Service-Poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The last pages of "The First Battle," the Hon. W. J. Bryan's book, have gene to press. The book embodies a story of the campaign of 1896, its imporant events and issues, and includes the most noteworthy incidents of Mr. Bryan's famous tour. It also contains the principal addresses and documents relating to the silver movement and some of Mr. Bryan's speeches. One of the interesting features of the book is the sketch written by Mrs. Bryan, who thus describes their first meeting:

'My personal knowledge of Mr. Bryan dates from September, 1879. He was then entering upon his junior year. I saw him first in the parlors of the young ladies' school which I attended at Jacksonville. He entered the room with several other students, was taller than the rest, and attracted my attention at once. He was neatly though not fastidiously dressed, and stood firmly and with dignity. I noted particularly his smile. In later years this smile has been the subject of considerable comment. Upon one occasion a heartless observer was heard to remark, 'That man whispers in his ear,' but this was a cruel exaggeration.'

As to the criticism that Mr. Bryan had not distinguished himself as a lawyer she says: "Those who thus complain should consider that he entered the practice at 23 and left it at 30, and during that period began twice and twice became more than self supporting. With the time of his election to congress his practice was in a thriving condition, and fully equal to that of any man in the city.'

The early chapters are devoted to an account of Mr. Bryan's connection with the silver movement and the development of the silver sentiment. Then follow chapters devoted to the Republican and Democratic national conventions, including the memorable contest over the Chicago plat-Referring to the fact that the concluding sentence of his convention speech had been widely criticized, Mr. Bryan

"I had used the idea (cross of gold and crown of thorns) in substantially the same form in a speech in congress, but did not recall the fact when I used it in the convention. A portion of the speech was extemporaneous and its arrangement entirely so, but parts of it had been prepared for another cocasion.

In a chapter entitled "The Triple Demand for Financial Independence," bimetallism is thus defined

"In a speech made in Ohio, I think in 1895, Senator Sherman used language something like this-I quote from memory: 'The parity between gold and silver can only be maintained by the use of gold as a standard with silver coined in limited quantities as a limited legal tender. This can properly be called bimetallism

'This definition of bimetallism has within the last four years become quite common among those who favor the gold standard, but are not willing to be known two-metalism just as certainly as the word biped means an animal with two feet. It means the use of two metals as standard money, and to be standard money they must be treated alike. If to use gold as a standard with silver coin in limited quantities as a legal tendor is bimetallism, then England now has bimetallism. Many insist upon calling themselves bimetallists who were unwilling to vote for bimetallism, without an international agreement. This made it necessary to adopt some means of distinguishing between independent bimetallists and international bimetallists.

In a chapter devoted to "the bolting Democrats," Mr. Bryan says: "The only criticism which I desire to record here is that the gold Democrats sought to use the party name for purposes of deception. The party name belongs to the majority of the party, and the minority cannot fairly, honestly or honorably use that name in such a way as to mislead the voters. I had at all times defended the sovereign right of the citizen to follow his conscience and his judgment in political matters, and to make his party affiliations conform to his convictions, but a fraud attempted against the voters is no more defensible than a fraud attempted in a business transac-

As to the statement in Mr. McKinley's letter of acceptance that the "mills should be opened instead of the mints," Mr. Bryan says: "This was an epigrammatic sentence, and did considerable service in turning public attention from the money question to the tariff ques-

He says this about the trusts: "Our country has, in my judgment, much to fear from the political influence of large corporations. This country is falling more and more into the hands of corporations, and since a lawyer receives both his reputation and experience from his practice. the attorneys for the great corporations come to be considered the leading attorneys at their respective bars. It may even happen that judges upon the bench will retain after appointment the bias ac-

quired in corporation practice. Regarding the civil service, he says: "I do not believe that life tenure is, as a rule. a wise thing in a government like ours. The fact that the people make frequent changes in their public officials in case of elective offices is conclusive proof that life tenure is not popular. If they desired to have their public servants hold office for keeping elective officials in office permanently. As long as human nature remains as it is, it will not be safe to place public officials in a position where they are entirely independent of those whom they

One of the last chapters is given up to "The Election Returns," and in this Mr. Bryan says: "As the evening progressed the indications pointed more and more strongly to defeat, and by 11 o'clock I realized that while the returns from the country might change the result, the success of my opponent was more than probable. Confidence resolved itself into doubt, and doubt in turn gave place to resignation. Then vanished from my mind the vision of a president in the White House perplexed by the cares of state, and in the contemplation of the picture of a citizen by his fireside free from official responsibility I fell asleep."

The book ends with a poem entitled "An Inspiration," written by Ella Wheeler

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

The House Passes a Resolution Indorsing the Cameron Cuban Resolution.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 26 .- Speaker Boyer stated he would not be ready to announce the standing committees before tomorrow. and many members preferred to wait until then to present their legislation. There is not likely to be much business done by each house before the committees are appointed.

After the introduction of a number of bills in the house Mr. W. C. Smith, of Bedford, introduced the following resolution: Resolved, That the house of represenatives of the common wealth of Pennsylvania, representing directly the citizens of this commonwealth, approve and commend the resolution of United States Sena tor J. Donald Cameron favoring the acknowledgment of the independence of Cnba by the government of the United State, and recommending the good offices of the government to be used to secure peace in Cuba, or the basis of the independence of the island.

Mr. Scott. Philadelphia, moved to refer the resolution to the committee on federal relations, but Mr. Smith opposed this because he believed that the house ought to have a chance to vote it up or down. The motion was carried and the house adourned.

In the senate Mr. Brown, of Philadelphia, introduced last night the six bills amending and extending the present charter of Philadelphia, known as the Bullitt bill, and the new bill relating to franchises. These bills were prepared by the Municipal League, of Philadelphia, and are backed by that organization.

The following bills were also presented: To authorize any lay judge of the several courts in the commonwealth having jurisdiction to grant liquor licenses to transfer them during vacation; to do away with all party conventions and make nominations by direct vote of the people, the primaries to be conducted by the election of officers of the general elections, and under the Baker ballot law, and to increase the salary of the secretary of the state board of health from \$2,000 to \$3,500.

The appointments made by the governor since the last session of the legislature were confirmed.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 .- Fourth class ostmasters were yesterday appointed for Pennsylvania as follows: Schnefferstown, M. L. Hartman, vice T. Frank Ream, resigned: Shoemakersville, A. B. Lesser, vice Charles Hoffman, resigned.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 26 .- The executive committee of the Coal Miners' association has asked for a conference with the operators in this city on the 29th inst., to take action to improve the ruinous condition of affairs now existing. The conference will be followed by a general convention of operators and miners the early part of the following week.

PITTSBURG. Jan. 27 .- There was one case of death in this city as a result of the cold weather. Mrs. Mary Morris, of Homestead, while waiting for a street car. was overcome by the intense cold and fell on the street. She was removed to a physician's office, where she died. The woman was on her way to a funeral and was in a delicate condition.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 26.-The team of freight train on the Plymouth branch of the Philadelphia and Reading railway at as monometallists. Bimetallism means of Engineer Kimmel, of this borough, was going along at a moderate rate of speed when it suddenly crashed into the team. striking the wagon and knocking it into smithereens. When he alighted from the engine Kimmel expected to find a dead man, but instead found Finkle lying in the road, only slightly injured.

> HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 27. - National Bank Examiner Bingham, of Philadelphia, acting under the direction of the comptroller of the currency, will today transfer the broken First National bank of Hollidaysburg to the new organization, which will open the bank with 100 per cent. of new capital. Prothonotary J. L Hartman will be president and J. G. Swope, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., cashier. This bank was closed by a run on Dec. 14. The Martinsburg Deposit bank and the Williamsburg bank, which were branches, will not resume.

> SHAMOKIN, Pa. Jan. 26 .- While Frederick Graeber and Miss Maud Gothie were driving along the public road a half mile east of this place during the night the earth caved in, and they were precipitated into an abandoned mine working. The woman jumped from the carriage, but was unable to reach solid ground. She fell into the opening, and was buried beneath the earth. Mr. Graeber remained in the carriage and sustained a compound fracture of one leg, and it is believed that the other limb is broken. Both horses were crushed to death. Mr. Graeber is 25 years of age, and wealthy. Miss Gothle was 18 years of age. They were to have been married within a few weeks. The cave is thirty feet deep.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 23 .- Miss Stevens, a school teacher of Cherry Hill township, this county, was made the victim of a flendish assault Thursday, and as a consequence is lying in a critical condition at her home. The assault took place in the schoolroom soon after the scholars had been dismissed for the day. Miss Stevens was just preparing to make her departure when a masked man appeared before her, and pointing a revolver at her head threatened to shoot if she made any outcry. She screamed for assistance, and the man sprang forward and a struggle followed. The school teacher fought desperately. but was finally overpowered through the man's brute strength. The fellow then made his escape, and no trace of him has yet been found. The victim of the assault is only about 20 years of age. Her condition is so serious that it is impossible to life they would manifest that desire by learn anything that might lead to the

capture of the man. NEW BLOOMFIELD, Pa., Jan. 27 .- The trial of Dr. Johnston, for the murder of Druggist Henry, at Duncannon, Pa., was resumed yesterday. Much of the testimony was for the purpose of proving the doctor insane. The sensation of the day came when Mrs. Johnston was placed on the stand. Though she had been badly wounded by her husband, it was plain that she meant to screen him as much as possible. She flatly contradicted several of the commonwealth's witnesses as to what was said at the time of the shooting. During all the time she was on the stand she carefully avoided meeting her hus-band's eyes. Most of that time, however, he sat with head bowed in his hands. Mrs. Johnston solemnly declared that there was no truth in the charge of her infidelity. She denied ever having stated that er husband had been unkind to her or had struck her. On several points her testimony will be contradicted by reliable

witnesses in rebuttal

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Thursday, Jan 21.

Enormous flood damage is reported in William A. Harris was elected United

States senator from Kansas, defeating Senator Peffer. Jeter C. Pritchard, silver Republican, was re-elected United States senator from

North Carolina. Senator Teller says: "Sherman is the most incompetent man McKinley could

select for secretary of state." A society for the purpose of setting forth and perpetuating the history of the Irish race in this country was organized last

Friday, Jan. 22. Nine sailors perished in the wreck of the

night in Boston

Nahum Chapin near Quoque, L. I. Claims for property losses by American tizens in Cuba aggregate \$8,590,595. Alexander Freeman died at Sailors' Snug Harbor, Staten Island, aged 108.

Governor Leedy, of Arkansas, pardoned H. C. Wilmoth, serving a sentence for bigamy. Wilmoth has eleven living wives. At St. Louis, for photographing government currency, Ralph Creese was sentenced to three years and Dr. Adella Waters to twenty months' imprisonment.

Saturday, Jan. 23. Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the system of shorthand writing which bears his

name, died yesterday, aged 83. An overturned lamp started a fire which destroyed the entire business section the town of Mingo Junction, W. Va. The Greater Republic of South America

has protested against the execution of the Nicaragua canal by the United States. At Oakland, Cal., Nellie Curran, 23 years age, knowing her father had taken poison with suicidal intent, went to bed

and left him to die. The Arkansas state senate has passed a bill providing that hereafter none but qualified electors shall hold any position within the gift of the legislature.

A judgment for \$84,009 in favor of the World's Columbian Exposition company was filed in Chicago against the Ferris Wheel company. The judgment is for the fair company's share of the gate receipts.

Monday, Jan. 25. Mrs. Hungerford, the English novelist,

The governor of Manila has prohibited foreign warships from entering Pasig Ex-Captain Guillot has been sentenced

to five years in prison in France for selling military secrets to foreign powers. A Rome despatch to The Daily Mail says that the pope is considering the compromise clauses of the Manitoba school ques-

Captain Henry King, chief editorial writer of The Paper, has been appointed to succeed the late Joseph B. McCullagh as editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Tuesday, Jan. 26.

The failure of the First National bank, of Potsdam, N. Y., is announced. St. James hotel, Duluth, Minn., and adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire yesterday.

Mayor Swift, of Chicago, has signed the theater hat ordinance, and it will become a law ten days after publication.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 28.—The team of Max Finkle, of Blue Beil, was struck by a tor of the New York Times, died at his residence in that city, aged about 60 years. The seventeenth ballot in the Utah leg-Flourtown crossing. The train, in charge | islature resulted: Thatcher, 20; Henderson, 16: Rawlins, 15: Lawrence, 4: Dooley 3: Powers, 1.

Liliuokalani, ex-queen of Hawaii, was received by President Cleveland. She thanked the president for his withdrawal of the annexation treaty.

Wednesday, Jan. 27. Mrs McKinley's farewell reception in Canton on Feb. 22. The balloting for United States senator

in Idaho yesterday resulted: Claggett, 29 on first ballot 31 on second, Dubois 26 on Explosion of a gasoline stove in a livery

stable in Toledo, O., caused a loss by fire of \$50,000. Twelve valuable horses were burned. The condition of Senator George, of Mississippi, remains the same. His four sons and daughter arrived in Washington

last night. The contract for Pennsylvania state printing and binding for the next four years was awarded to W. Stanley Ray, of

Harrisburg. A banquet was tendered Senator-elect Platt last night in Albany, N. Y., and was attended by all the prominent Republicans of the state.

STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS. Closing Quotations of the New York and

Philadelphia Exchanges. NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Today's movement in stock was irregular, but a firmer tone was disernible in spite of a light volume of business

Closing bids: Baltimore & Ohio. 15 Lehigh Valley Chesa, & Ohio. . 1734 New Jersey Cen. . 99 . 10734 New York Cen . . . 90 Del. & Hudson. .1583₉ 145₆ Pennsylvania. Reading D., L. & W. 15% St. Paul 40% W. N. Y. & Pa Lake Erie & W Lehigh Nav. *All ass'ts paid.

General Markets.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20 .- Flour dull; winter perfine, \$2.75@3; do. extra, \$3.10@3.40; Penns-vania roller, clear, \$4.25@4.40; do. do., straight. \$4.45@4.00: western winter, clear, \$4.25@4.40: city mills, c tra, \$3.25@3.50. Ryc flour quiet; choice Penn-ylvania, \$2.75 per barrel. Buck-wheat flour slow at \$1.25@1.40 per 100 lbs. Wheat weak; spot. 895; 290c.; January, 85:200c.; Pebruary, 905; 201c.; March, 915; 202c.; April. 825; 203c.; Pennsylvania No. 2 and Delaware No. 2 red, spot, 94c. Corn lower; No. 2, mixed, spot, 20c.; steamer corn, spot, 25c.; No. 2 mixed. January, 255/2621c.; do. February, 255/2620c.; do. March, 255/26205/c.; do. April, 265/26275/c. Oxts unchanged; No. 2 white, spot, 235/2c.; do. January. 2562314c.; do. February, 2514624c. do. Marca, 2514624c.; do. April, 2514624c. Hay firm; choice timothy, \$14.50615 for large bales. family, \$10,500011. Lard steady; western, \$4.20 itter firm; western creamery, 12@20c.; do factory, 7014c.; Eigins, 30c.; imitation cream ery, 13:819c.; fancy prints jobbing at 23:825c. extra, prints, wholesale, 2le.; low and medium grades, 12.84c. Cheese firm; New York large, 8.811½c.; small. 8.811½c.; part skims, 2.835½c. Eggs higher; Pennsylvania and other nearby fresh, 16c.; western fresh, 12c.; southern fresh, 13% lice

Live Stock Markets,

New York, Jan. 23.—Beeyes alow; cables quote American steers at 11@12c.; sheep, 8@9c.; refrigerator beef, R@10c. Caives steady; veais \$5@7.75; barnyard caives, \$2.50@3.25. Sheep and

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Matting, Japanese Style.

If you wish to lay Japanese matting in a Japanese tashion, first cover your floor with the thickest carpet lining you can buy. That will soften the sound and keep the matting from wearing unevenly and quickly. Cut a breadth of the matting a half or a third of the length of the room where it is to go and bind it with a carpet binding of a solid color not only across the ends, but also along the sides. Cut the next breadth the same length and fix in the same way. If it is proposed to use three lengths, the space should be so di-vided that three will be two long and one short lengths. But each one is to be bound on all sides. In laying the next breadth of matting so arrange the pieces that a long piece in one breadth each time will come next a short one in the next breadth. After the whole room is covered get a thin, very flat molding about an inch wide that is stained or painted black or dark brown and lay it ever the places where the breadths and the different pieces of the breadths intersect. Tack these moldings firmly in place, and you will have the irregular effect given by the mats used in Japanese houses. This arrangement is not very sanitary and not very easy if the American custom of taking up each floor covering once a year is followed. But it has the merit of being truly Japanese, and there is no danger that the matting will fray or ravel in the process.

Pare Floors.

"Gradually in my old fashioned house," says a woman, "I am getting rid of car-peted floors. I began in the bathroom, then in the first hall and next in the dining room as the floor coverings for these rooms were out. I used to think that a hardwood floor was an expensive luxury, but I find that there are degrees of expense in these floors as in everything else. bathroom and dining room are laid in Georgia pine, oiled, varnished and rubbed. The cost in either case was very little more than any good and suitable floor covering, and once down there is no more expense about it. With carpets all over the house, the season's housecleaning becomes a serious tax here in the city—that is, where one must resort to the steam cleaners. Rugs, even large ones, can be managed usually in one's yard, and there is not in any case the eternal charge for taking up, relaying and refitting which belongs to fit ted carpets. There can be no question as to the extra cleanliness and sanitation of bare floors, a fact we modern housekeepers have to consider more and more."-New York Times.

Silk, Wool and Linen Tests.

The purity of silk and woolen materials is best tested by burning the threads. All animal products, such as silk and wool, burn slowly and leave a sort of little charcoal head, which emits an odor like burnt feathers. Vegetable products, such as cotton and linen, burn readily, leave no residuum and have no smell. Jute smolders and leaves a light, feathery head. Jute is rarely found in any dress fabrics with the exception of very cheap silks.

A way to test linen, by means of which the introduction of cotton among the linen threads may be detected, is to cut off a small piece of the material, to unravel the threads and then to examine them under a strong magnifying glass. The characteristics of flax threads are very marked They are in the form of cylindrical stalks, divided at intervals by knots, in the same way as bamboo or sugar cane stalks. Cot ton threads are long and flattened like ribbon-waved, twisted in spirals and granulated on the surface.

How to Get Eld of Dust.

While micro-organisms are the great producers of disease, dust is the great medium by which those organisms are car ried from place to place. The housemaid in sweeping a carpet, especially when she kneels down to do so with a short brush, It has been arranged to hold Major and is stirring up this dust, to the detriment of every one in the house, and breathing germ laden particles to her own destruction. If carpets must be used-and they are unhealthy things at the best-a patent sweeper should be used, with plenty of damp tea leaves. What is much better than carpet is a floor covering like lineleum which can be wiped with a damp cloth. This is far healthier than any fabric which can hold in its meshes microbe bearing dust.-Chambers' Journal.

Carpets and Rugs.

Ingrain or brussels filling in a plain color, finished by a border combining a number of harmonious colors, one of which matches the color of the filling, makes a pretty, tasteful rug for a dining room that has a hard wood floor or a stained border. A brussels or ingrain carpet in a fine mixed pattern that is an all over design and finished by a border makes a rug that shows dust and crumbs and footmarks less, but that is not as tasteful as the rug made of a solid color. When a carpet is worn about the table, a large crumb cloth of linen which is woven with a border, or a crumb cloth of denim, looks well for summer, covering the wear and looking cooler than a carpet.-New York Post.

The Conduct Dook.

In one family there is a flourishing in stitution known as the conduct book. The mother has charge of it, and each child has a page devoted to himself, with divisions for weeks and days. There is a certain scale of marks for a certain list of offenses, and these are put down every night at bedtime. Each child's weekly allowance is arranged according to the total, when they are added up at the end of the week. He loses some part of it for every mark be has lost

To Clean Copper Boilers.

The best way to clean hot water copper boilers is with oxalic acid. Procure 10 cents' worth from the drazgist and put it in a bottle that will hold a pint and a half. Fill the bottle with cold water, and when the acid is dissolved rub it over the hot boiler with a soft cloth and polish at once with a dry piece of flannel. The bottle should be marked "Poison" and kept out of ordinary reach. The amount indicated will make enough to use several times.

Toughening China.

A very effectual way of toughening glass or china consists of placing the articles to be toughened in a large kettle of copper-of course folding cloths, etc., around the things to keep them from knocking together-in enough cold water to cover them entirely. Bring this water to a boil-let it boil for some time-then lift the pan off the fire and do not touch its contents till the water is perfectly cold.

Mending China or Glass.

Fine china or colored glass may be neatly mended by painting the edges with the white of an egg slightly beaten, dipping the edge in finely powdered unslacked lime and quickly pressing the two edges together and holding firmly for a few moments. The lime will slacken and harden very

To Kill Thistles

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It is not necessary to kill all the seeds of the thistles in order to exterminate these undesirable weeds. You can so cultivate the ground that they will not thrive; and at last will disappear altogether. It might be better to kill the seeds, but we cannot do it. It would be the wisest course to destroy all the germs, or seeds, of consumption, could we do so. But this cannot be done. So we must keep the tissues of the lungs, the soil, in such a condition that the germs will not thrive the

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