

WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

General.

Folk Named For Governor.

Joseph Wingate Folk, who attained national reputation as circuit attorney of St. Louis by his prosecutions of hoodlums high and low, became the Democratic nominee for governor of Missouri July 21, by the unanimous action of the state convention at Jefferson City. In accepting the nomination Mr. Folk boldly declared his purpose of waging relentless war on all forms of corruption and said the campaign had been made on that idea alone. The platform is equally outspoken against corruption and favors a law making lobbying a felony and compelling witnesses to bribery transactions to testify, also making null all franchises which have been obtained by bribery. From start to finish Folk dominated the convention.



Joseph W. Folk.

Bryan For Government Ownership.

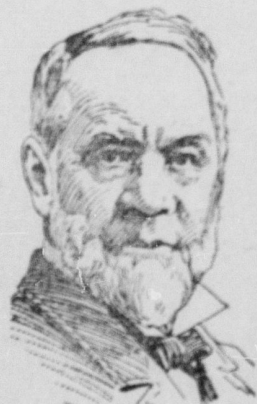
In a notable statement made public at Lincoln, Neb., July 21, W. J. Bryan announced his purpose of advocating radical changes in the future platform of the Democratic party, while favoring the election of Parker this year. Mr. Bryan says that his nomination in 1896 and 1900 prevented him from attempting to engrave new doctrines upon the party creed. He now comes out squarely for state ownership of railroads, government control of telegraphs and abolishment of private monopoly, and favors the income tax and election of federal judges by the people. He admits that the money question is for the present in abeyance and that production has lessened the strain upon the dollar. He has begun his campaign for the United States senate.

Cleveland Appeals to Democrats.

Ex-President Cleveland, in an article for Collier's Weekly entitled, "Steady, Democrats, Steady!" expresses his profound gratitude to Judge Parker for having filled the plank in a disabled platform when he sent his gold telegram to St. Louis. He congratulates the Democracy on its change of sentiment and its return to sanity on the money question.

Davis Meets Parker.

Ex-Senator Davis of West Virginia, the venerable Democratic candidate for the vice presidency, came to New York early last week to attend a conference of the Democratic leaders and was the guest of Judge Parker, the presidential candidate at Esopus. It was their first meeting and they agreed that the formal notifications of their nominations should be made separately. They also agreed on Senator Gorman of Maryland as the most desirable man to manage the campaign, but he finally decided not to undertake that responsibility.



Henry G. Davis.

Miners' Petition Presented.

The committee representing the miners' unions of eastern Pennsylvania had an audience with President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay last week, after their first and unsuccessful effort to see him, and presented the petition for the intervention on behalf of the Western Federation of Miners in their present struggle with the mine owners and state authorities. With the committee was also Frank E. McCafferty, representing the Western Federation. He said he told the president that what they needed in Colorado was a republic.

Foreign.

Panama Ratifies Agreement.

The Panama congress ratified, July 20, the agreement providing for an isthmian currency on a gold basis and made the gold peso the unit of value; also a reserve fund of \$3,000,000 was authorized to be deposited in an American bank. American money will pass current in the canal zone.

Within 100 Miles of Lassa.

The British mission had forced a passage of the ice clad pass at Karola at last accounts, which is the highest point on the road to Lassa, less than 100 miles distant. Very little defense was offered.

French Demand on Pope.

The French foreign minister, M. Delcasse, last week sent an ultimatum to the Vatican demanding the withdrawal of the recent letters ordering the bishops of Laval and Dijon to resign. These

were regarded as a violation of the concordat.

Notes.

A further evidence of the revolutionary condition of affairs in the Caucasus was the assassination, July 17, of the vice governor of Ellsabetopol, Transcaucasia. * * * Since the assassination of Governor Bobrikoff, about a month ago, three distinguished professors of the Finnish university have been suddenly arrested and deported to St. Petersburg. * * * Refugees from Teheran, Persia, to Baku, Russia, tell of a frightful mortality from the ravages of cholera. Russia has established a quarantine.

Legal and Criminal.

Point Gained by Harriman.

Judge Bradford of the United States circuit court at Trenton, N. J., has continued the temporary injunction granted by the late Judge Kirkpatrick restraining the officials of the Northern Securities company from carrying out the Hill distribution plan until it should be determined whether such a distribution would be an injustice to E. H. Harriman et al. The decision, however, did not touch upon the merits of the case. The Securities' directors authorized Hill to appeal the case to the highest court.

Mrs. Maybrick's Liberation.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woman who was convicted fifteen years ago on the charge of murdering her British husband and whose death sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment, became a free woman July 20, when she left the convent at Truro, Cornwall, where she had been in retirement since her period of imprisonment in the Aylesbury jail ended five months ago by royal pardon. She left England at once to live with her mother at Rouen, France, until her presence in America should be required in the settlement of her title to thousands of acres of land in Virginia. Her pardon and release have been due largely to the efforts of her mother, the Baroness de Roques, who interested the highest American and British officials in the case.



Mrs. Maybrick.

Operator and Flagman Held.

The coroner's jury, called to inquire into the cause of the fatal accident on the Erie at Midvale, N. J., when sixteen persons were killed, July 10, has found that the station operator, Richards, and the rear flagman of the excursion train, Helier, were responsible.

Racing Syndicate Demands News.

The courts at New York have been asked by the race track gambling syndicate, which controls the poolroom business, to compel the New York Telephone company to furnish the syndicate with news of the races as formerly or show cause why it should not be done. The syndicate had a year's contract with the telephone company uncompleted when the raid occurred.

Notes.

A special grand jury at Danville, Va., has found indictments against sixteen members of the mob which tried to lynch the negro Roy Beals, accused of killing a flagman. * * * Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court has granted a writ of error in the case of Senator Burton of Missouri. This means that the whole case will be reviewed by the highest tribunal. * * * H. H. Rogers and other millionaire directors of the electric light company whose wire caused the death of Edgar Coleman on July 1 have been held for

manslaughter. * * * The Gould traction system at Richmond, Va., has been placed in the hands of receivers.

Executive.

Mustn't Remove the Maine.

The judge advocate general of the United States navy has taken the stand that the wreck of the battleship Maine, which has lain at the bottom of Havana's harbor for the past five years, cannot be removed by the Cuban authorities, as proposed in a contract with a New Orleans man. The navy department declares that there is no authority for the removal of the Maine wreck except by act of congress.

Treasury Balance Low.

Recent payments on account of the purchase of the Panama canal property and rights on the isthmus have reduced the cash balance in the treasury to \$150,850,848, the lowest it has been for many years. At this time last year there was \$240,000,000 available. Of the former sum only \$29,549,696 is actually in the treasury, the balance being in national depositories in various parts of the country.

Art, Music, Letters

Manager Frohman's Harvest.

Charles Frohman, the theatrical manager, who returned from Europe last week, made his annual bow to the theater going public by announcing his principal productions for the coming season. Among them were new plays by Augustus Thomas, Clyde Fitch, Sydney Rosenfeld, Henry Guy Carlton and Paul Potter. John Drew is to open with the "Duke of Killcraunkie," Annie Russell with "Brother Jacques," William Crane in the French comedy success, "Business Is Business," and Mrs. Gilbert, the veteran actress, will star in a new play by Clyde Fitch called "Granny." Francis Wilson, the comic opera star, is to appear in a new modern comedy without music, Willie Collier is to tour in "The Dictator" and Maudie Adams is to have a new four act play by Zangwill called "Jenny," besides a fifty minute character play called "Op' o' Me Thumb." The Sothorn-Marlowe Shakespeare combination is to open at Chicago Sept. 19 with "Romeo and Juliet." Mrs. Patrick Campbell is to have a twenty weeks' American tour and produce Sardou's "Sorceress." Sir Henry Irving is to make his farewell tour on the American stage in 1905.

Charles Wagner Coming.

The August McClure's announces editorially that Charles Wagner, author of "The Simple Life," is to make his first visit to this country in October next. He will remain here two months and give lectures wherever he goes, confining his travels to the country east of Chicago and north of Washington.

Some Chinese Bongs.

A traveler in Mongolia writes: "There are some hot springs by the road about twenty miles north of Chingpeng. The place is named Tangshan. The arrangements for those anxious to benefit by their healing properties are very primitive. A row of twenty or thirty wooden boxes the size of an ordinary packing case are ranged beside the road. In these sit bathers of every age and both sexes, with their heads protruding. Attendants with buckets continuously refill the boxes from the springs. For less luxurious bathers there is accommodation in a pool which has been dug out close by. In this they squat, scooping up the water and pouring it over their heads with brass basins. It is curious to reflect that establishments like Homburg and Aix-les-Bains have had their origin in such beginnings."

Beetle Soldiers and Sailors.

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Looking on the Bright Side.

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RELIGIOUS

Mother Eddy's Church Dedicated.

Thousands of Christian Scientists from all parts of the country took part in the dedication of the new church at Concord, N. H., July 17, which is the gift of the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the cult.

The Fastest Growing Church.

Statistics published by the Federation of Churches now show that the denomination known as Disciples of Christ has had the largest growth in proportion to its numbers in the last decade. Its membership was nearly doubled from 641,051 in 1890 to 1,235,798 in 1903, when it was only sixth in order from the largest denomination. The greatest gains have been made in the south and west.

Hatless Women Debarred.

Rector A. L. Loughley of Trinity Episcopal church, Asbury Park, N. J., has again admonished the hatless women in his congregation, requesting several to leave the church.

Eastern War Flames Endangering Europe

Stinging from the long series of defeats on land and sea at the hands of her oriental antagonist, Russia deliberately has invited the warlike roar of the British lion and the disapproval of friendly France and Germany by her manner of enforcing the right of a belligerent to search neutral ships on the high seas. Not only was the British merchantman, Malacca, stopped and searched in the Red sea by the Russian volunteer cruiser Petersburg, which recently had passed the Dardanelles as an unarmed merchant vessel, but also a Russian crew was sent aboard the Malacca which took her back through the canal as a prize of war. By this time the British nation was ready for war with the hated Muscovite if necessary and was only partly mollified when the czar ordered the release of the Malacca, though still insisting on the right to search her for contraband of war. British warships in the Mediterranean were held ready for instant action.

The decisive war move last week was the unsuccessful effort of General Kuropatkin to regain Mosten pass, which was held by the Japanese. This occurred under cover of a fog, July 17, but the Japanese advance held out so stubbornly that there was time for re-enforcements to come up, which enabled them to force back the Russian army, with a loss to the latter of 1,000 men. Following this battle the Japanese in great force advanced to Kiaotung so as to surround and envelop the Russian left Kiaotung was then taken after a stubborn resistance on July 18 and 19, the Russians retreating.

This was believed to be the signal for a general closing in on the Russian main army positions at Tashichao and Haicheng by the Japanese under Oku and Nodzu, while the grip on Port Arthur tightened. Field Marshal Oyama was in sole command.

SENT BACK FOR THE PURSE.

Salesman Used an Empty Wallet to Study Humanity.

Picking up a wornout, empty pocket-book, a salesman in one of the large dry goods stores the other day thought he would have a little fun with it. He therefore placed it on the counter, half concealed by the goods lying on it. Presently a shopper entered. Her eyes lighted on the wallet as by instinct, and while pricing half a score of articles she endeavored to cover it—quite artlessly, of course—now with her handkerchief, then with her satchel and again with her umbrella. The salesman, without appearing to notice her actions, each time removed the pocketbook out of danger and into light. Finally she adopted new tactics and picked it up, with the remark: "Somebody's left a pocketbook."
"Yes?" replied the clerk interrogatively. "Thank you." And he took the leather and disappeared with it for a moment. Upon his return the woman asked, with a slight show of interest: "Was there much in it?"
"Only \$3," replied the salesman carelessly, with the ease of one who has been used to lying all his life.
"And who will get it if it isn't called for?" asked the shopper.
"The firm," is the epigrammatical response.

The woman went out. In ten or fifteen minutes a boy came in and asked: "Was a pocketbook with \$3 found here this morning?"
"Yes," replied the salesman, "but it has been called for."
"Oh," said the boy and retired.
And the salesman smiled audibly.—Chicago Tribune.

THE SUGAR CANE.

We Have Borrowed It From India, Its Native Home.

The sugar cane and its uses have been known in India, its native home, from time immemorial. It is perhaps the earliest source from which sugar was produced, and all other modes of manufacture have been borrowed from or based on it. The early classical writers knew sugar vaguely as "honey of canes." To the Greco-Roman world the sugar cane was the reed which the swarthy Indians delighted to chew and from which they extracted a mysterious sweetmeat.

It was the Arabs—those great carriers between the east and west—who introduced the cane in the middle ages into Egypt, Sicily and the south of Spain, where it flourished abundantly until West Indian slavery drove it out of the field for a time and sent the trade in sugar to Jamaica and Cuba.

Early in the sixteenth century the cane was taken from Sicily to Madeira and the Canaries. Thence it found its way to Brazil and Mexico, to Jamaica and Haiti. Cane sugar was well known in Italy about the second century and has been common in England since the Tudor period. The strenuous days of great Elizabeth had sugar for their sack, and ginger was hot in the mouth, too, as we all well remember.—Cornhill Magazine.

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DON'T WORRY.

"The way to attain old age, says Senator Depew, "is to live calmly. Worry kills men before their prime. A man should be in his prime at 70."

Senator Depew, who has never had the trials of the poor man, stands in the usual position of the rich who look indulgently upon the struggle of life, giving advice and calling attention to their own blessed state. "Don't worry" is cheerful admonition to give to the man in the ditch, who, while he toils, is wondering how his expense account will stand at the end of the week. "Don't worry" is balm to the woman at the wash tub, who speculates upon the length of time to pass before she breaks down and her fatherless children are delivered to the mercies of the world. "Don't worry" is splendid counsel to the small business man who is being forced to the wall by corporations. "Don't worry," in fine, is grateful consolation to all the thousands whose noses are at the grindstone. It is, indeed.

"Don't worry," says Senator Depew, "and when you are 70 you will be like me." The man and woman who are worked to death before they are 50 will appreciate this kind advice.

EX-GOVERNOR BLACK in his speech nominating Roosevelt exclaimed: "The fate of nations is still decided by their wars. Peace will come here to abide only when the dreams of children are the accepted charters to guide the destinies of men." In other words: "Prepare for war by making Mr. Roosevelt President. If you want war, you want Roosevelt. If you want Roosevelt, you want war." Well, isn't that about it?

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