

BOMBS FOR BRICE.

A Firm of Columbus Scalpers Tackles the Candidate

IN A SENSATIONAL WAY.

A Demand Made for Immediate Remuneration for 400

REPUTIATED RAILROAD TICKETS.

Hints That the Democratic Caucus May Bolt the Nominee.

ANYTHING TO BEAT BRICE, THE CRY

Chairman C. S. Brice, of the National Democratic Committee, yesterday treated to a unique session in connection with his canvass for the Ohio Senatorship. A firm of ticket brokers demanded immediate remuneration from him for about 400 reputed tickets of a road of which Mr. Brice is President. Counsel for the road say Mr. Brice was guilty of no wrong-doing in the railroad matter. Ex-Governor Foster was a director of the road. Republicans at Columbus hint at a probable bolt in the caucus against Brice's nomination. The other candidates are yet as confident as Mr. Brice expresses himself to be.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

COLUMBUS, O., January 3.—Perhaps the most sensational, and certainly the most unique feature in the Senatorial contest today, was an incident entirely outside of the ordinary course of politics. Calvin S. Brice, in his capacity as President of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad, was waited upon by V. C. Ward and J. G. Grossman, prominent ticket brokers. Addressing Mr. Brice, Mr. Ward said: "Are you the President of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad?"

"I am," came the reply.

"My name is Ward, of Ward Brothers, and I hold nearly 400 of your reputed Lake Erie and Western tickets," said Mr. Ward, at the same time taking a roll of coupon tickets from his pocket and holding them up to the gaze of Mr. Brice.

AS TO PLACE AND TIME.

"Why did you not tell me about this before?" asked Mr. Brice.

"It won't do to talk that way. You know all about it. You bookwinked us until you allowed the road to be foreclosed, and then told us the dog was dead, the hide worthless, and to sail in as we liked."

"This is not the place to talk about it," said Mr. Brice.

"Well, Mr. Brice, I have documents here which show I have a right on my side, and you must talk here or I will make you."

Mr. Ward then produced a letter which implicated ex-Governor Foster in the deal, and commenced reading it. Before he had completed the self-imposed task, Mr. Brice interrupted him by walking away, thus bringing the interview to an abrupt close. Mr. Ward shouted after him:

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FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mrs. Myra Kniffin Chloroformed and Suffocated While She Slept.

A MURDER MYSTERY OF TRENTON.

Burglars Charged With the Commission of the Awful Crime.

POLICE DO NOT CREDIT THE THEORY.

The Husband of the Dead Woman Out of Town on the Fatal Night.

Mrs. Myra Kniffin was found murdered in her bed in Trenton, N. J., yesterday. She had been suffocated with chloroform. Miss Purcell, a pretty typewriter living with Mrs. Kniffin, was also chloroformed. Dr. Kniffin, husband of the murdered woman, was away from home the night before. Miss Purcell says burglars chloroformed them, and that in November both were similarly attacked. Ugly rumors are about the murder. The police are making no attempts to run down the burglar theory.

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TRENTON, N. J., January 3.—Mrs. Myra Kniffin, the wife of Dr. Arthur S. Kniffin, one of the best known dentists in the city, was chloroformed by someone at a late hour last night, or early this morning. Her dead body was found upon the bed in her room at 720 1/2 North Second street in Trenton in recent years has so startled the community.

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THE HUSBAND NOT HOME.

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JUDGE KELLEY SICK.

The Father of the House Confined to His Hotel in Washington by

ILLNESS OF A SERIOUS NATURE.

His Friends Fear He Has Sat in Congress

AGE AND PEERLESSNESS AGAINST HIM.

His Trouble is Internal Cancer, Added to a Cancer

of Lung Standing.

The oldest member of Congress in years and service, is very ill. He has not left his hotel room for several days. His friends and physicians seem for he will not recover. His age and increasing infirmities are hard to contend against.

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WASHINGTON, January 3.—Congressman PHILIP H. KELLEY, who has been lying very seriously ill at his hotel in this city, about a week ago he took a chill, and this was followed by a recurrence of an old complaint of his, intestinal catarrh, which in his feeble state of health, has left him in a very weak condition. There is also a rumor to the effect that the cancer, for the cure of which he recently took a trip to Europe, has again manifested itself as a result of his extreme debility.

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FOUR DEATHS IN A DAY.

Influenza Prevailing on an Alarming Extent in New York—A Worse General Mortality Than in Summer—Some Eminent Sufferers.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

New York, January 3.—The total number of deaths for the 24 hours ending at noon today was 220, the largest in a single day in a good many years, hot weather and all. Fifty-one of the deaths were from pneumonia, 4 from influenza, 14 from bronchitis and 4 from influenza, Michael Horan and Charles E. Hutchings among them.

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MOVING IN DRO.

Over 5,000 Negroes Leave North for the Mississippi Delta in Ten Days—Promises that Caused the Exodus.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

ATLANTA, January 3.—Two long trains-loads of negroes from North Carolina passed through Atlanta to-day on their way to the Mississippi delta, "bound to the land of promise," as the Rev. Shadwell Jones said, who seemed to be the apostle of this particular exodus crowd. There were over 1,500 in all, crammed into the coaches until they were suffocating. Men, women and children were packed there, in all degrees of squalor and raggedness.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

Preacher Jones, on being asked to state the motive of the exodus, said: "Like a voice from the Lord has come the appeal from the West for our people to leave North Carolina and seek the pleasant pastures by the river of God, the great Mississippi. By its cooling waters we will have the peace we never had at home. There our children will thrive and grow up, and we will become a mighty people. We have been preparing to leave North Carolina all the year, but the events of Christmas week have intensified the wish. Whenever a row occurred it was the colored man who was massacred. We'll be no more slaves nor no slaves nor no slaves, nor as supplicants for favors. The Lord has great things in store for Israel."

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

The great gentlemen then exhibited a colored paper which had been circulated among the negroes in North Carolina. In gorgeous colors were depicted three scenes—the poor negro leaving his home, the well-to-do negro farmer in the West, and the third the return of the retired colored farmer in years to come, when he has retired from business and divided out his acres between his children. As he unfolded the other exodusers gathered around him and second his glowing talk by loud "Amen's."

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It is estimated that within the past ten days over 5,000 negroes have passed through on their way west.

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