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A WILD TEXAS RAID

Made on the Western Congressmen Pledged to Candidate Springer.

CRISP HOLDS THE LEAD

But the Mills Free Traders Are Hustling on the Homestretch.

FEATURES OF THE LIVELY FIGHT.

Very Little Prospect of the Selection of a Northern Man.

KERR'S TIGHT GRIP ON THE CLERKSHIP

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—What was expected in the speakership contest happened to-day. The managers of Mr. Mills having concluded that it was imprudent to allow Mr. Crisp to hold the commanding lead which he has taken in the past few days, this morning undertook to bring about the combination that has been foreshadowed in the rumors heretofore published, namely the proposed union of the Springer and McMillin forces and their transfer to Mr. Mills' support.

FIELD AS A FORGER.

Charged With Deliberately Robbing His Trusting Partner.

NOTES AND BONDS DISAPPEARED.

His Father, Wife and Sister Are Now Lying Dangerously Sick.

INSURANCE HE CARRIED ON HIS LIFE

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Edward Field not only skinned his father's strong box of all its securities and left Cyrus W. Field penniless, but to-day it was learned that he deliberately robbed his partner, John E. Weichers. Mr. Weichers himself is authoring the story. He came to town for a short time. He says that Field not only robbed him of the \$200,000 capital he invested with the firm, but he also took \$30,000 in Government bonds left in the firm's safe when Weichers went to Cuba, a number of months since, to negotiate the purchase of the sugar plantations. These Government bonds, Mr. Weichers adds, belong to his wife. "I left them in the safe," said Mr. Weichers, "before I started, thinking it the safest place for them. Another point was, I thought that Mrs. Weichers could always get at them without trouble should anything happen to me. I also left in my desk in the office notes amounting to nearly \$15,000 given to me as collateral for loans I had personally made. Field took both notes and bonds. "Before leaving I indorsed the notes so that on maturity Mrs. Weichers could collect them in my absence. I told Field they were in my desk. On my return the notes and bonds were gone. Field took the notes and the money for a new trial to trace them. In order to have no misunderstanding I told Field that the bonds and the notes were the personal property of my wife. The next morning the notes and bonds were in the representative of a large German banking house. According to this, Field, in his desperation, forged the name of a ship and a captain, and also a certificate of inspection to a cargo of grain, and, presenting the bill of lading to the banking house, secured the advances on a cargo of grain that had no existence, and which was loaded in a ship whose name does not appear in any of Lloyd's registers or in the Maritime Association at this port. The banking house discovered how they had been swindled and called Field to account. He is said to have used some of the securities in the money market, and, presenting the bills, and that he is now fully protected against loss.

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS.

THEIR STATE COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON TO-DAY.

Important Questions to Be Decided Before the National Executive Committee Meets—Hot Little Competition for the Vacancy in This Body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—[Special.]—The Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee will meet here to-morrow to talk over a few matters connected with the work of the committee. The meeting is held here on account of the improbability of Chairman Kerr's leaving the field of battle for the House Clerkship, and it must meet this week in anticipation of the meeting of the National Democratic Executive Committee here next week. The most important work of the Division Chairman to-morrow will be to decide whether the State Committee shall be called together to elect a member of the National Committee, or whether at the meeting of the National Executive Committee the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee will be temporarily filled by the Chairman, as was done recently by Chairman Water for the meeting of the Executive Committee. It is expected that the Pennsylvania Democrats will act of itself, but will probably suggest to the National Executive Committee, which meets on the 8th instant.

TARIFF CASES ARGUED.

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OVER A MILLION INVOLVED.

Items in the Sworn Report of Officers of the Maverick Bank.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—The Traveller claims to have received information from an authentic source as to the items contained in the famous sworn report of Cashier Wood, President Potter and Director French upon the condition of the Maverick Bank, September 23. The Traveller says: On that date the report shows that Nathan Matthews was a debtor to the Maverick Bank to the amount of \$80,000. He may have paid up something since that time, but \$60,000 is the figure in the sworn statement. The same statement shows C. A. Sinclair owing \$200,000; Irving Evans, \$170,000; and the Florida Commercial Company and the Cape Ann Granite Company, \$60,000 each, or thereabouts. It does not show the names of other debtors, but it says that their names were probably covered up by having other names substituted on the notes. The list is a long one. There are over 30 names of men who have secured loans beyond the 10 per cent limit. The amount involved is over \$1,000,000.

SEPARATE CARE FOR EACH RACE

Virginia's Governors Says Whites Should Not Ride With Negroes.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 2.—[Special.]—It is thought the railroads will have a troublesome time with the Virginia Legislature unless the companies consent separate cars for whites and blacks. Governor McKinney in his message to-day, urges that the railroads be forced to provide the separate coaches. "If there be a well founded reason," he says, "for separate schools and separate churches and separate hotels, why should there not be separate coaches for travelers?" "All day long the two races may occupy the same coach, but when the journey is concluded the white and the colored passengers separate, each going to his home or hotel and the association is ended. Why should it be if it is right for them to travel together day and night, why should they not go to the same hotels for food and rest? We should be contented with the hotel and the Pullman palace cars be forced to pay a license tax.

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EVIDENCE FOR THE COUNTESS IN.

Sir Charles Russell Opens the Case in Her Husband's Behalf.

TRYING TO REBUT CRUELTY CHARGES

LONDON, Dec. 2.—At the close of the day's proceedings in the Russell separation suit, a mob surrounded the law courts, and as the Earl left he was hooted at, and attempts were made to strike him. The police endeavored to protect him, but the crowd overpowered them, and the Earl was obliged to seek refuge in the Temple. Being still followed, however, he jumped into a cab and succeeded in getting away amid the jeers and hisses of the mob. The interest in the suit of Countess Russell against her husband, Earl Russell, for a judicial separation, was enhanced by the publication of the proceedings of yesterday. Long before the opening of court every seat was taken. The crowd, while waiting, made very audible comments on the testimony given by Countess Russell yesterday, and it was quite evident that their sympathy was with the fair petitioner. Of course, it is not known generally what evidence the Earl will submit to offset the charges of cruelty made against him, but his friends declare that he has a complete defense.

A BIG IRON SYNDICATE.

COMPOSED OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN CAPITALISTS.

The Cooper-Hewitt Works Finally Secured by the New Concern—A Capital of \$5,000,000—It Will Be a Limited Stock Company. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—[Special.]—It was stated to-day on the best authority that negotiations for the purchase of the Cooper-Hewitt iron interests in this country by a syndicate composed of English and American capitalists have been practically completed. The purpose of the syndicate is to associate or amalgamate a number of iron businesses and carry them under one management. To do this a limited stock company is to be organized by the syndicate, the shares of which will be thrown open to public subscription. The iron businesses that the syndicate has contracted to buy are given up as these: The New Jersey Steel and Iron Company of Trenton; the Durham Iron Works, Mines and Furnaces, Durham, Pa.; the Passaic Rolling Mills, Steel plant, Paterson; the Warren Iron Company, Hackensack, N. J. The purchase price to be paid by the syndicate for these businesses is announced at \$5,000,000. All the companies named, with the exception of the Passaic Rolling Mills, are to be controlled by Cooper, Hewitt & Co.

BRICE IN A DILEMMA.

While Claiming a Residence in Ohio He Refuses to Pay Taxes There.

LIMA, Dec. 2.—[Special.]—There was another suit for back taxes filed against Ohio's Senator from New York to-day. County Treasurer Edward Holman entered suit against Calvin S. Brice for unpaid taxes. Mr. Brice is willing to serve the people of Ohio as Senator, but when it comes to paying taxes to the State of Ohio he is then a citizen of New York, and on account of such citizenship refuses to settle. When anything is said about contesting his seat in the Senate he shows that he is a full-fledged Buckeye, claiming Lima as his residence. He cannot point to-day to any residence in the State, except the one located by his mother-in-law a few years ago, and afterward taken back when Mr. Brice wanted a residence in Lima during his campaign for the Senatorship. The petition filed by the County Treasurer was for \$10,000. The defendant, Calvin S. Brice, stands lawfully charged upon the tax duplicate of Allen county with taxes in the sum of \$10,000. He claims that the same amount, with penalties thereon, are now due and wholly unpaid. The defendant for said sum of \$10,000, with penalties, \$17,257.48, and costs of the suit.

BLAINE WILL BE THE NOMINEE.

Hon. Chauncey Depew Talks of the Presidential Outlook.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—[Special.]—Chauncey Depew, who is with the Vanderbilt party on its trip to the West, said that Blaine would surely be the Republican Presidential nominee if he would consent to make the race, otherwise Harrison would be the candidate. Mr. Depew declared that Roswell P. Flower's chances of getting the Democratic nomination were as good as those of Cleveland and that Governor Boies, of Ohio, would certainly be named for Vice President. In discussing the World's Fair Mr. Depew said Congress should not make the loan of \$3,000,000, but should make an appropriation of that amount. He also declared that the stories about Cyrus W. Field's financial ruin were all nonsense, for he claimed that the invalid was still an immensely wealthy man.

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The Conference to Chose a Plan for Congressional Nomination Is Futile.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 2.—[Special.]—The committee appointed by the Republican committee of Butler, Beaver, Mercer and Lawrence counties, to devise some means for nominating candidates for Congress, met here this afternoon. The conference was a secret one, and many plans were discussed. The motion to recommend the popular vote system was laid on the table. Butler county's delegates were instructed for this method, but Lawrence county, being the smallest, made such strong objections that the matter was dropped. Beaver, Mercer and Lawrence counties were not instructed. After being in session for five hours without coming to a decision, the conference adjourned to meet here January 9.

ELECTION CONTESTS AT CANON.

CANTON, Dec. 2.—[Special.]—Jacob Geib, the Republican candidate for Treasurer, has filed notice of his intention to contest the election of Mr. Mandren, the Democratic candidate, who was declared elected. W. H. Rowden, Republican, will also probably contest the election of H. E. Neebicht, the Democrat, who was declared elected to the Legislature.

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UNCLE SAM—A few more necessities like this, and foreigners will be a little more careful.

DEFENDING THE GREAT WALL.

That seems to be where Chinese armies will meet. While belittling the strength of the rebels the Celestial Authorities are striving to serve to reinforce the Army.

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THE IRISH FIGHTING AGAIN.

Parrellites Hoot Dillon and O'Brien, and Are Set Upon by the McCarthyites. DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—A disgraceful scene occurred to-day at the railway station in Limerick. The McCarthyites had been holding a convention at Limerick and were being escorted from their hotel by a large number of Parrellites.

POLAND ARRAYED IN BLACK.

The Centenary of Kosciusko's Splendid but Futile Fight Next Year. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—Next year will be kept as a year of the deepest mourning throughout Poland, in memory of the loss of her independence. July 17, 1892, will be the 100th anniversary of the splendid fight of Kosciusko at Danzig, the one great noble event of the year of weakness, weakness, treachery and utter submission, and the last year that held any real hope for the Poles.

THE DANGER IN OPPOSITION.

Mayor Gourley heard of this opposition yesterday, and in talking about it says: "I have no objection in this matter any more than any other taxpayer of the city. It will affect me just the same as the man who holds a small lot on the Southside or big manufacturing plant on the Northside. If the voters decide to support the increase of debt so that the contractors can be paid from the new issue when their money is due, it will not place such heavy taxes next year on my property. But if the issue is defeated there will be a tax levy so heavy that it will amount practically to confiscation of the property of many small holders. They are the class that will be most affected, and should they be injured they will not be able to pay."

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TAKEN TO THE COURTS.

Contractors Sue for Money and the Treasury Is Bare.

DEBTS VALID AND MUST BE PAID.

The Mayor Says the Proposed Bond Issue is the Only Way Out.

NO LOGICAL REASON FOR OPPOSITION

Contractors E. J. McMillane, Martin Joyce, James McKnight and K. Kracken yesterday entered suit against the city of Pittsburgh to recover for work performed on streets and sewers, and which is still owing on account of the Supreme Court decision wiping out the street acts of 1887 and 1888. The suits are all brought for use of the People's Savings Bank, to which the claims were assigned.

E. J. McMillane brought two suits. One is for \$3,000 33, a balance due for constructing a sewer on Ellsworth avenue, from Penn avenue to Euclid avenue. The other is for \$1,835 50 for constructing the Cunliffe Run sewer from the Monongahela river to Forbes street. The claim of Martin Joyce amounts to \$13,850 95 for grading, paving and curbing Webster avenue from Thirty-third street to Orion street. James McKnight's claim is for \$23,001 93 for grading Boggs avenue, from Bailey avenue to the city line and for laying a sewer on the same street. K. Kracken sues for \$316 54 for grading, paving and curbing Carnegie street from Fifty-second street to McCandless avenue. The suits aggregate \$42,004 94. They were brought under a decision of Judge Sledge in the case of Contractor Jones against the city of Pittsburgh to recover for work done on the Thirty-third street sewer. The Court ruled that the claim was just, but held that under the contract the money could not be collected until two years after the work was completed. In the case in which the suits were brought yesterday the two-year limit has expired. There is, however, no money with which to pay them, and the position of the city is rather humiliating.

The Voters Must Settle It. Controller Morrow was seen last night by a DISPATCH reporter. He had not heard of the suits having been entered, but he was not surprised at the announcement. "They are all old cases, and suits have been entered under the two-year limit fixed by the court," said he. "What will the city do?" was asked. "That I don't know," the Controller answered. "It is just a question now whether the people will by their votes order the issuing of bonds to pay these and other claims approaching maturity, or whether the amount will be ordered into the next tax levy. In the address to the voters issued by Mayor Gourley and myself my position is fully explained. These claims are due. They are just and must be paid. Whether they are paid by bonds or by taxation for the people of Pittsburgh to determine."

John S. Lambie, of Select Council, was also seen last night. He had not heard of the suits being entered, but he was satisfied that the claims will have to be promptly paid. He said:

"As I understand it, the judgment in the cases has not been secured. The Supreme Court has determined that the claims must be paid, and that settles it. The claimants will go into court and secure a mandamus execution requiring the city to pay them out of the money not otherwise appropriated. If there is no money the city will be required to raise it either by a tax levy or by issuing bonds. I have already signed a paper in favor of bonds. The paper was circulated among the attorneys and will be published soon. It is an unpleasant matter."

More Money Due Soon. It is understood that a number of other claims for work done by the city by contractors will fall due soon under the two-year limit, and that in all cases suit will be promptly entered. If the curative legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature stands the legal test of the courts, the bonds will not all be issued. If the legislation is declared unconstitutional, then bonds to the amount of \$2,000,000 will be issued if the voters so determine. If the bond issue is defeated at the special election called for December 8, then that amount of money must be raised by direct taxation, will greatly increase the millage for the next two years.

The approaching municipal election to determine whether the city's bonded debt must be increased to pay the contractors for improvements made under the invalid street laws, was discussed here yesterday than at any time since it was decided upon by Council. At City Hall everybody talked about it, and, while the sentiment there is generally in favor of the increase of debt, reports were brought in of opposition being developed in various sections of the city. The opposition, however, seems to be of no great strength, and those responsible for it have no arguments, as far as could be learned, of much weight with intelligent voters.

The Danger in Opposition. Mayor Gourley heard of this opposition yesterday, and in talking about it says: "I have no objection in this matter any more than any other taxpayer of the city. It will affect me just the same as the man who holds a small lot on the Southside or big manufacturing plant on the Northside. If the voters decide to support the increase of debt so that the contractors can be paid from the new issue when their money is due, it will not place such heavy taxes next year on my property. But if the issue is defeated there will be a tax levy so heavy that it will amount practically to confiscation of the property of many small holders. They are the class that will be most affected, and should they be injured they will not be able to pay."