

GOODBY TO GROVER,

If the Forces Massed Behind Candidate Crisp Win the Speakership.

FREE SILVER ADVOCATES

Join With Hill and Gorman to Give a Blow to the Ex-President.

SPRINGER STILL IN THE FIGHT,

Although Several of His Adherents Are Anxious to Break Away.

THE HOUR OF THE CAUCUS ANNOUNCED

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The name of the next Speaker will be known within 48 hours and if it is Charles F. Crisp it will be the beginning of the end so far as Grover Cleveland is concerned. To-day the mass was practically thrown off, and it is now virtually admitted that a powerful combination, almost approaching to a conspiracy, has been at work against the ex-President.

Under ordinary circumstances Judge Crisp would have been a fairly strong candidate for the chief position in the House, but neither his abilities nor his personal strength could command the votes which have now been massed him. It is a peculiar array. There are the members controlled by Hill and Tammann, all opposed to Cleveland for factional reasons. Then there is the scattering remnant of tariff Democrats, who have far better cause for their opposition. With these, making strange political bedfellows, come the extreme free silver advocates from the West. Back of all this is the iron hand of the shrewd and unscrupulous Gorman, who has used his influence with the Southern members with a very noticeable effect.

The Recognized Cleveland Candidate.

Mills is the recognized Cleveland candidate. Both Springer and McMillin, however, are friendly to the ex-President, and the selection of either of them would not injure his Presidential prospects. But the choice of Crisp after the peculiar character of the fight that has been made, will mean "Goodby, Grover."

Whatever may be the strength of the Hatch, Springer and McMillin votes, the calculations of the Mills managers are wholly made up on the theory that the three candidates first mentioned will not be in the race on the final ballot. For the past two days the lieutenants who have been assisting the Texas candidate have used their energies to bring about a combination that will narrow the fight down to a struggle between Mills and Crisp.

The attempt made to drive Mr. Springer from the field had the appearance last night of being successful. But Springer by a great deal of earnest work among those of his supporters who had weakened, to-day managed to get them back in line and secured their promises of loyalty. On the strength of these assurances he seems to feel he is now in an unassailable position, the cohesion of his followers having been put to the test in the raid made upon his forces by the Mills men.

Springer Rather Too Confident.

The current opinion nevertheless is that Mr. Springer is depending too much upon the preference of his supporters. Those who have broken away and returned again are not believed to sincerely desire his election, and it will require little effort when the caucus meets to cause them to again desert him.

There are no indications as yet that an effort of a serious character has been made to break up the following of either Hatch or McMillin. Mr. Crisp's managers have not been in the raiding business, and the reasons why it is of no value to Mr. Mills to break into the columns of the McMillin and Hatch following will be seen when the preferences of the men composing their support are analyzed. The Missouri delegation would probably split even, and Tennessee might show a majority in favor of Crisp. At least the Mills men don't show any disposition to have McMillin and Hatch driven from the field at this time.

A Clever Duckey Mathematical.

As stated, the managers at Mr. Mills' headquarters expect the contest to narrow down to a struggle on the last ballot between their leader and the candidate from Kentucky. One of the cleverest mathematicalians supporting the Texas is Hon. Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland. He has figured out to his own satisfaction, and his figures probably have the endorsement of the Mills men generally, just where the votes of Springer, McMillin and Hatch will go when their respective forces dissolve.

"I think I can make it clear," said Mr. Johnson to-day, "why we have so much confidence in the election of Mr. Mills as soon as Hatch, McMillin and Springer drop out of the race. That they will retire before the contest is settled is an admitted certainty. The division of the vote now credited to these three candidates will settle the contest between Mr. Mills and Mr. Crisp, and I can show you why it will be in the former's favor. There are 119 votes in the North, of which we concede Mr. Crisp will have 31, leaving Mr. Mills 88. In the South there are 115 votes, omitting Ryan, of Missouri, who is disabled, and Watson of Georgia, who will caucus with Jerry Simpson and the Alliance following.

Crisp's Big Lead in the South.

"The Southern vote will divide as follows: Mills, 39; Crisp, 74. Now add Crisp's Northern support of 31 to his Southern support of 74 and his total vote will be 105. Mr. Mills' Northern vote of 88, combined with his Southern vote of 39 will give him a total of 127, a clean majority of 22 over Mr. Crisp, should the caucus be a full one. It is now claimed by Mr. Mills' advisers that he will poll a vote of 127 on the first ballot. The figures I have given have been calculated to cover the final ballot, when the race will be between Mr. Mills and Mr. Crisp alone. These figures will be verified next Saturday, though they may not be admitted by Mr. Mills' opponents at this time."

A Blockade of Shipping at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The low stage of water in the river and the large number of vessels in the harbor have almost resulted in a general blockade. A number of vessels are aground, some of them having been fast for three or four days. Many others are on the stocks, and the harbor master fears that it will be impossible to get them all through the river to the elevators.

SHOT ON THE FENCE.

Henry Bowmaster Killed at Duquesne While Out on a Lark.

JAMES TAYLOR HELD FOR MURDER.

A Mystery Is Forever Locked Up in the Dead Man's Coffin.

SPECULATION HAS A WOMAN IN THE CASE

While out on a lark Henry C. Bowmaster was shot and instantly killed by James N. Taylor at Duquesne early yesterday morning. The latter is in jail charged with murder. The affair occurred at Taylor's house, Why Bowmaster was there is a mystery likely to remain forever sealed in the coffin of the dead man.

Bowmaster, a carpenter, 23 years of age, lived with his wife and two children in Millin township near Duquesne. His father, J. C. Bowmaster, lives near him. After supper Wednesday evening the father and son went to Duquesne to attend a meeting of the Carpenters and Joiners' Union. Later in the evening, after the meeting was over, Jacob C. Linkner, Chairman of the union, walked with the Bowmasters to the corner in front of Connell's saloon. After talking to them awhile the elder Bowmaster said it was time for him to go home. Henry said he would be along soon, so the father started away without him. Shortly after this Linkner and Bowmaster met Charles Atkinson, another carpenter, and the three went into Connell's saloon and had some beer.

Suggested a Lark.

Then they went to a shooting gallery and remained there until almost midnight. More drinks were next on the programme, and the three soon got out of the notion of going home to bed. Finally, Bowmaster invited them to come with him to "a friend's house and have some fun," as he expressed it. The offer was quickly accepted. Bowmaster refused to tell where he was going, but kept on across the fields toward the river. It was then after midnight. The three finally arrived at James Taylor's house. To a man standing on the porch down by the river. The ground floor has but two rooms. In the windows of the front room the men could see a light. The remainder of the house was dark.

Bowmaster, motioning his companions to keep in the rear, mounted the picket fence opposite the front window, saying he wanted to see who was there. Mrs. Taylor and Katie Bennett, the 14-year old domestic, were sitting there knitting. The former caught sight of the man outside on the fence and was frightened. Hurriedly crossing the room she took a Winchester rifle from the wall and disappeared into the rear room, where her husband was sleeping. Taylor, who was in bed, saw an instant and with the rifle in his hand slipped out the back door and around through the yard to the front. When he reached the corner of the house Mrs. Taylor heard him ask the man on the fence what he wanted.

Killed Him Instantly.

Before the latter could reply the sharp crack of the rifle was heard, and Bowmaster fell off the fence dead. A 22-caliber bullet had entered his left breast. His friends heard the shot, saw him fall and then took to their heels. Half a dozen bullets whistled about their heads as they ran. When Taylor entered the house again he completely covered both mother and child. He thought it might be his brother, Stewart. At 2 o'clock Bowmaster's wife was carried to an undertaker. Nothing more was done until daylight, when Taylor gave himself up. Governor McWayne went to Duquesne yesterday afternoon and held an inquest. The testimony brought out the facts as stated above, and the jury found Taylor guilty of wilful murder. He was brought to Pittsburg last night and put in jail to await trial.

What Bowmaster's object was in going to the house will probably never be known. Rumor has it that the women were the attraction, but as he would tell his companions nothing this is only conjecture. Some time ago he worked on a new house across a vacant lot from the Taylor residence and is said to have become intimate with the family.

James Taylor is not well known about the place. He has four children, and formerly lived in a shanty-boat on the river. During the recent strike at the Duquesne steel works he went to work as an engineer. While the strike lasted he was in the city going to work with his Winchester strapped across his back, and was scarcely ever without the weapon.

THE PARNELLS STILL IN NEW YORK.

Pressing Creditors Prevent Their Selling for Europe for Awhile.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—Mrs. Delia T. Parnell and her son, John Parnell, are still in New York City, and Mrs. Parnell states that it is impossible for her to say when they will be able to return to Europe. She says it is very necessary that they should be at Avonlea, county Wicklow, upon the settlement of the estate of Charles Stewart Parnell. Mrs. Parnell says they ought to have left New York a month ago, but the illness of her son, who was in Georgia while Mr. Parnell was in New Jersey, delayed their departure. They prepared to sail on the Majestic on Wednesday, but were again disappointed.

Mrs. Parnell gives no very definite reason for this latest disappointment. She intimates, however, that their financial affairs are not in as good condition as she would like to have them. There are people interested in delaying their departure, and some of these people are in New York, and against herself and her son. Some of these claims are unjust, she says, and adds: "They seem to think money is raining down upon us, but it is not. These people know that we must get a divorce, and they think we will settle claims, whether just or not, rather than be delayed. I cannot tell when we shall leave for Europe."

A STUDENT'S STOLEN THUNDER.

He Is Accused of Using Arguments and Words of a Debate in Another College.

NEW WILMINGTON, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—A sensation was created to-day in Westminister College by the charge of plagiarism against A. L. Russell, of Bulgar, Pa., contestant debater for the Philo Society. This debate was given last June in the annual contest of the Adelphi and Philo Literary Societies. The question was, "Should the Public Observance of the Sabbath Be Enforced by Civil Law." The affirmative was sustained by J. Y. McKinney, West Sunbury, Pa.; the negative by Russell. The decision of the judges gave Russell the debate by a majority vote.

Before and after the contest aroused the suspicions of his opponent. After a careful investigation of the matter by McKinney and his friends it was discovered that the same question had been debated at the Washington and Jefferson College a few years ago. McKinney sent to J. Logan Marquis, of Chicago, a son of Rev. Mr. Marquis, D. D., who sustained the negative on the same question at Washington, Pa., and got a copy of his debate. After comparing his debate with Russell's they found the train

HARRISON TOO BUSY

To Order an Inquiry Into the Quaker City Financial Scandals.

NO MORE REVELATIONS PROBABLE.

The Mercantile Appraisers Enter a Plea of Guilty, and Are

ALL ORDERED DISMISSED FROM OFFICE

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KERR GAINS HIS POINT.

HE WILL REPRESENT THE STATE AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

Result of a Short Session of the Democratic Central Committee—No One Yet Chosen to Succeed Hon. William L. Scott—How a Choice Is to Be Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—The Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Central Committee met at the Metropolitan Hotel, in this city, to-night, to decide the question whether it was necessary to convene the State Central Committee before the January meeting, for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the National Committee caused by the death of Hon. William L. Scott and for the purpose of electing a successor to the office.

Another resolution presented by Hon. J. M. Healey, of Schuylkill, was passed. It was as follows:

Resolved, That Hon. James Kerr is the unanimous choice of the Division Chairmen and the State Executive Committee of Pennsylvania for Clerk of the next House of Representatives.

Chairman Kerr will represent the State at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Convention, which will convene at the National Hotel, in this city, on Tuesday next, to decide the time and place for holding the next Democratic National Convention.

There were some politics in the action of the Executive Committee. It is hinted that the calling of the meeting of the Pennsylvania Executive Committee at this time was forced by the Harritt interests, for the purpose of electing Mr. Harritt to succeed the late William L. Scott, which would enable Mr. Harritt to represent the State in the House of Representatives.

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SHOT THE WRONG MAN.

A Bullet Meant for a Millionaire Grasses the Would-Be Shooter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—A sensation was caused in the law office of Scribner & Schell to-day by the accidental shooting of Jacob A. Fisher, a prominent mining man who is named as co-respondent in the Liebes divorce case begun several weeks ago. Herman Liebes, the fur millionaire manager of the North American Commercial Company, in which Steve Elkins is a silent partner, was sued by his wife for divorce. She alleged cruelty, which consisted in groundless charges of infidelity made by her husband. Liebes replied to the complaint that the charges were true, and he named Fisher as the man she was intimate with.

When Liebes' reply was read to Fisher in the lawyer's office, he became wildly excited and swore a mighty oath that he would pump lead into Millionaire Liebes. He fumbled for his pistol to make good and he discharged it, while drawing it from his pocket. The bullet just grazed the front of his abdomen, causing a painful flesh wound, which bled freely. No less than a dozen doctors were summoned by the excited janitor, but Fisher soon recovered and was driven to his home. His escape was very narrow.

DRIVEN INSANE BY DRINK.

Fitsful Condition of a Brother of Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—Judge Barrett, in the Supreme Court, to-day appointed Dr. Landon Carter Gray, of New York City, and William S. Cogswell and John O. Donnell, of Jamaica, L. I., to inquire into the alleged mental incapacity of Elliott Roosevelt, of Woodbury, L. I., a brother of Civil Service Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt. The commission was appointed on the petition of Theodore Roosevelt, supported by affidavits of Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, the wife of the alleged insane man, and Mrs. Anna Roosevelt. The examination has been fixed for January 18, in Jamaica.

Frederick R. Couderc has been appointed guardian ad litem of Mr. Roosevelt during the proceedings. Theodore Roosevelt says his brother has been a habitual drunkard for two years, and is incompetent to manage his own affairs.

CANADA'S NEW CANAL.

To Give Her an Independent Waterway From the Lakes to Seaboard.

MONTREAL, Dec. 3.—[Special.]—The Dominion Government has decided to construct a new canal on the north shore of the St. Lawrence river, between Lake St. Louis and Lake St. Francis, so as to avoid three rapids—Cascades, Cedars and Coteau, which at present are frequently run by downward bound steamers, the vessels returning by the rapids and the Cedars. The canal will be about 13 1/2 miles in length between Macdonald Point, Lake St. Francis and Cascade

PEARSON ARRESTED.

The Allegheny Ex-Mayor Must Answer the