

DAVID HILL IS VERY DRAMATIC He Wants to Be the Soubrite on the Political Stage.

LI HUNG CHANG ON COINAGE American Silver Dollars Worth Less Than Mexican, Because They Contain More Silver--Missionary Work Up in Maine--The Present Stock of Silver Bullion.

Bureau of The Tribune, 201 E. 4th St., N. W., Washington Sept. 11. Senator Hill is dramatic if anything. He is a sort of "hogg" in politics in that he always "hogs" the stage. His one aim and paramount desire is to be the most talked about man of his time. He loves to keep every one guessing. He delights to be known as an unknown quantity, and so far in this campaign he has certainly succeeded. The fact that he is believed to be the most likely to succeed is a fact that he must either smoke up or throw away his cigarette. As an instructed delegate of Tammany to the Buffalo convention he can't hog the stage much longer. The "Pier" organization has turned the campaign upon him. It shows bumps on his back, rather than the exorcism here and there, but there is nothing to show what his brain matter would develop if the X-rays could be effectively used to his head.

Tammany's notion shows clearly that its leaders distrust Hill and fear him because if he is allowed to go to Buffalo unopposed, he will be a success. He will do as he pleases at variance at the different headquarters here. As quick as one report is put out that he will do anything, another is given out that he will do the opposite. It is a curious thing that Hill is going to Buffalo to be known in politics as the double cross--that he will go to Buffalo and play the state Democratic against Tammany. He will hardly show his hand before the convention meets. He will be the most talked of man in New York next to Bryan. He will do any one thing but what he will do until he feels the pulse of the convention. If he finds the sound money sentiment predominant he will back Bryan. What he wants to do is to leave the Chicago platform and Bryan with it, declare for himself and run the state on purely local issues. This is apparent in Hill's mind at present, and from good authority there comes the report that he has a number of the delegates already pledged to him to carry out this plan. Hill's idea of politics is to be regular. That was his sublimed in Chicago. He does not know that there is no future for a leader in New York who at this time supports free silver. He is bent on being regular and at the same time keep the New York Democratic organization sound on finances. In other words Hill thinks the best policy is to play both ends against the middle with the "Hill" in the end Hill will be himself again.

THEY CLAIM IOWA. The Democratic managers are now claiming Iowa. They assert and bring out proof abundantly that there are 20,000 Republicans who have pledged themselves to vote for Bryan. Senator Faulkner says that the silver sentiment has spread in the Badger state more rapidly than in any section of the northwest. The Republicans admit that Bryan's cause here is more alive, but both Senator Allison and Representative Doolittle have written here that the diffusion in the Democratic ranks will more than counter-balance any diffusion from the Republicans.

WYOMING. American silver dollars in China are worth less than Mexican dollars because they contain less silver. When American dollars are brought to China an assay is made to determine the amount of pure silver they contain, and the percentage of alloy. Their value is based upon the market price of the silver in them. Their stamped value is wholly disregarded. There was one question, which was particularly impressed upon Li Hung Chang during his visit last week. It was that relating to the effect of the adoption by the United States of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. This was his reply: "The United States will never authorize the free coinage of silver."

The same question was put the vice-president in different forms. To each he made the same reply. He was absolutely convinced that free silver cannot prevail in this country. He could not understand why he had arrived at this position. It would appear from Li Hung Chang's interview that China is really not on a silver basis at all, but on a gold basis, with an exclusive silver currency. The American and English members of Li's suite hope that the United States will adopt free silver.

Secretary Lamont's open endorsement of the Indianapolis ticket is taken to mean that President Cleveland will shortly come out in a letter addressed to the sound money Democrats of the country advising them to vote for Palmer and Bosker.

MISSIONARY WORK IN MAINE. Both the Republican and Democratic congressional committees are making one last effort to convince the voters of Maine. In spite of the fact that Arthur Sewall, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee, is a "Son of Maine," Senator Faulkner has no idea of carrying a single congressional district in that state. Efforts, however, to keep the Republican majority firm to the lowest possible figure will be made until the last moment. "Only once in twenty

years has the Republican gubernatorial nominee been defeated in Maine, and on the other hand the party has elected its governor by a majority only once in the same period and that was two years ago," said Secretary Merger, of the Republican committee, today. "Both parties have made a great fight. If we hold the state by a plurality of 15,000 to 20,000 we shall feel happy, and any figure above the higher of those two will tell exactly how utterly the free silver advocates have failed in propagating their theories in the Pine Tree State."

Counties are received daily from all sections of the country as to the present stock of silver bullion held, the number of dollars now being coined, and the methods of securing them. Inquiry at the treasury today reveals the fact that the coinage value of the silver bullion now held is \$198,745,299, or enough to keep the mints running at full capacity for four years. There were coined during August, \$2,630,000 in silver dollars and nearly twelve million since last January. The number coined between November, 1895, and the date of the Sherman law, and January 21, 1896, was less than four million. There is a heavy demand for silver dollars of 1896 and all requests are filled as rapidly as possible. On account of this heavy call, however, no silver dollars were sent out after the 1st and one-half million now in the treasury "uncovered" are gone, except in exchange for silver certificates or treasury notes of 1890. W. R. B.

CARBONDALE. (Readers will please note that advertisement orders for job work and travel publications left at the establishment of Shannon & Co., newspaper, North Main street, will receive prompt attention; office open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.)

VERY LARGE EXCURSION. Fourteen Carloads of People Went to Susquehanna Saturday.

The big Republican rally at Susquehanna Saturday was a success--at least all those who attended say it was, and they ought to know. The number of people who attended the rally from this district was very large. The train was composed of fourteen cars and each was filled. At least 1,000 persons were on board when the train rolled into Susquehanna, and they were all in the best of humor. One car was filled with employees of the Hendrick Manufacturing company. Three were given to the employees of the Erie, three to the employees of the mine department of the Delaware and Hudson, and three for the citizens of this place. The rest were filled with people from along the branch. The excursion was given under the auspices of the Sound Money League of Carbondale who paid for the train and there was no expense to those who went. Among the speakers at Susquehanna were: Hon. James H. Cadlington, of Pottsville; Hon. Jerome E. Niles, of Wellsboro, and Judge Fulton, of New York.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT. Firebugs at Work in the City--Three Blazes.

It is evident that firebugs are at work in the city who are bound to do damage somewhere. No less than three incendiary blazes occurred during the week, all of which were fortunately discovered before they had gained much headway. The last attempt to create a blaze was Friday night when McComb's building on Garfield avenue was fired. The flames were soon by a young man who was passing. He at once rushed to the fire alarm box and gave the alarm. In the meantime, Patrolman John Bell, was going down the street and seeing the fire at once broke into the building and had the flames extinguished before the fire company arrived.

The efforts to burn the building have been many and it will be watched in hopes of catching the guilty persons. To Improve Brookside. Next spring will witness many improvements at Brookside cemetery and vicinity, and in a few years the place promises to become one of great beauty. Already property nearby has gone up rapidly in price. The Hillside coal and iron company, who own the land between the car tracks and the cemetery, are having it surveyed off into building lots.

The Traction company will run a track into the cemetery in the near future. For present use a half switch will be made at the eastern end of the main avenue where the cars will stand. The main avenue will be widened to sixty feet and there will be three or four avenues running from the turnpike road to the cemetery. These avenues will be connected by roads forty feet in width.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS. Mrs. W. L. Yarrington has returned from a visit to New York. Miss Tessie McHale, of Dunmore, is the guest of Mrs. John Gaughan, on Seventh avenue. Mrs. William Hankins, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watt, during the summer, left Friday for Duluth, Minn., where she will join her husband. Mrs. William Wolcott and son, Frank, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stearns in Cananda, for the past two weeks, have returned home. The Baptist church is arranging to sing Gail's oration of "The Holy City" in the near future. Dr. D. L. Bailey returned Friday from Toronto, where he has been attending the fair.

Mrs. Helen Aldrich, of Springville, is a visitor in town. Miss Flossie Stokes, of Scranton, is the guest of Miss May Moor. Mrs. Emine Stanton is visiting friends in Scranton and Carbondale. Charles Sumner Hines, of this place, was nominated for prothonotary at the Democratic convention at Tunkhannock, last week. Next Tuesday evening the McKinley club expect to parade in uniform. In the evening, the president, Mr. Dr. L. C. Floyd, preached the sermon. The Musical Alliance will be held in Factoryville this year. It will open Tuesday, November 17, and close Friday, the 20th. Miss Leona Bennett has returned from a trip to New York city.

CLARK'S SUMMIT. Mr. Bonsey has moved in the H. N. Patrick house recently vacated by Mr. Tallman. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have returned from their visit to Maryland. Mrs. D. Smith and daughter visited friends at Green Grove Wednesday. Grace & Park are giving their store a new coat of paint.

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