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FINANCIAL MEASURE OF REPUBLICANS

To Fix the Standard of Value of Money.

FEATURES OF THE BILL

Financial Bill Prepared by the Republican Caucus Committee Which Met at Atlantic City Last Spring...

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR, SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS.

1 General-Republican Caucus Committee's Financial Bill. Unseaworthy Manila Transport's Perils. Victory of the Boers at Rooilaagte. Trial of Senator Flinn.

2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.

3 Local-Criminal Trial List for Court Beginning December 4.

4 Editorial. News and Comment.

5 General-Palmistry. Lights and Shadows of the Battle-field.

6 Local-Thanksgiving Day Services. Army Life on Cebu Island.

7 Local-County Assessment. Court Proceedings.

8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.

9 Round About the County.

10 Local-Live Industrial News.

SILVER REPUBLICANS MEET AT CHICAGO

Majority Express Intention to Adhere to the Bryan Democracy if Right Men Are Nominated.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Informal discussion by members of the executive committee of the national Republican convention and chairman of the state committees at the meeting held here today developed, as the consensus of purpose adherence to the Bryan Democracy "if the right men are nominated."

There was no dissent from the opinion that as the presidential candidate, William J. Bryan would be "the right man."

Most of the session was devoted to hearing reports of the condition of silver Republicanism in the various states. Ex-Governor Alge held was present by invitation and was greeted by a rising salutation from the meeting.

He made a brief address in which he paid a high tribute to the "patriotism and disinterestedness" of the silver Republicans. Chairman J. G. Johnson, of the executive committee, was Democratic press bureau, were visitors. Chairman Charles Towne made an address on which he inveighed against the "tendency of the McKinley administration towards absolutism."

Senator Teller, of Colorado, said that the Republican party would be away from its original principles and that if he had not quit the party in 1896, he would have had ample cause to do so since then.

Ex-Senator Du Bois, of Idaho, said he had no doubt the silver voters drawn from the Republican party would be largely increased at the next election owing to the frank pre-gold stand taken by the leaders of that party.

"Fusion with Democrats and Populists," said the senator, "is in my opinion a certainty; that is, we confidently expect those parties to unite on a man whom we can support like Bryan. I see no possibility of a gold Democrat being nominated, but in such an event we would put our independent ticket in the field and would have a respectable vote in the electoral college."

The following were appointed a committee to report on the best time and place to hold the national convention, the manner of issuing call and details of practical organization after the convention: E. S. Corser, Minnesota; F. T. DuBois, Idaho; E. J. Van Voorhis, Indiana; Nathan Cole, Jr., California; L. W. Brown, Ohio; Frank T. Ransom, Nebraska; and J. W. Spurrier, Iowa.

There were present at today's meeting besides those mentioned: J. W. Griffin, Minnesota; J. J. Harner, Ohio; Congressman Shafroth, Colorado; Congressman Hartman and Colonel O. Chiles, Montana; J. B. Romann, Iowa; Dr. F. B. Lawrence and E. W. Turner, Kansas; ex-Congressman J. B. Cheadle, Indiana; Dr. Frank S. Peck, Oklahoma; and R. S. Dean, New York.

WASHED REVENUE STAMPS.

David D. Badeau Held to Bail in Sum of \$5,000.

New York, Nov. 28.—David D. Badeau, 42 years old, who has conducted a stamp store at 12 Broadway for the past sixteen months, was arrested by federal officials today, charged with buying and selling washed internal revenue stamps. He was held in \$5,000 bail. The large number of errand boys and junior clerks in brokers' offices who frequented Badeau's store directed suspicion to him.

Internal revenue officials allege that he has been buying and selling washed stamps at the rate of \$5,000 a day; that he has cleared about \$20,000 by his transactions; and that the government has lost twice that amount because of them. Five thousand revenue stamps, worth from \$1 to \$20 each, many of them washed, were seized in Badeau's store.

HOUSE ENTIRELY DESTROYED.

New Dwelling Owned by Anthony Kerrigan Burned Last Night.

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VICTORY FOR THE BRITISH

General Methuen Moves on the Boers.

A DESPERATE BATTLE

The Englishmen Attack Paul's Troops Strongly Entrenched on a Range of Hills Near Gras Pan. The Boers Stick Tenaciously to Their Position—The Trenches Stormed by British Soldiers Under a Withering Fire.

Orange River, Monday, Nov. 27.—The British arms have achieved a brilliant victory. The enemy, strongly entrenched, held a range of hills commanding both sides of the railway at Rooilaagte, near Gras Pan. The Lancashires, under Lewis reconnoitered in an armored train on Friday. The Boers shelled the train, killing Lewis and a private.

General Methuen then advanced. His column made a detour and bivouacked for the night at Swinkapan, three miles from the Boer position. At dawn the advance began, the Boers forming the reserve. The column debouched on the plain eastward of the Boer kopjes. The Boer guns opened fire. Two batteries of the British artillery, posted on each side, shelled the Boers, practice being good on both sides.

The Boers stuck tenaciously to their positions, firing steadily and accurately. The duel, which constantly became hotter, lasted three hours. The Boer shells wounded several men of the naval brigade.

Finding it impossible to displace the Boers by artillery, General Methuen resolved upon an infantry attack. A brigade of infantry, including the Yorkshires, the Northampton, the Northumberland and the Lancashires, with the naval brigade on the right gallantly stormed the Boer positions in the face of a withering fire, and carried hill after hill, the brigade under Colonel Meehan capturing the main position against a terrific fire, but suffering severely.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—The Deutsche Zeitung publishes the following dispatch, dated Pretoria, November 27, received through Boer diplomatic channels: "President Kruger and President Steyn have instructed General Joubert and General Cronje not to split their forces into small detachments, but to strike vigorous blows. General Joubert has three corps, one holding Ladysmith, the second commanding the Tugela, and the third east of Estcourt in order to cut off the British retreat. General Cronje's forces are divided into three contingents, one at Kimberley, another at Modder river and the third in the rear of General Methuen."

VISITING THE QUAKERS.

Lord Mayor Daniel Tallon Arrives in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—The lord mayor of Dublin, Daniel Tallon, and John E. Redmond, M. P., accompanied by a number of distinguished New Yorkers, arrived here at noon today. They were met by Mayor Ashbridge and a large delegation of prominent citizens. The purpose of the lord mayor's visit is to raise funds for the Charles Stewart Parnell monument fund.

On arrival the party, which, in addition to Lord Mayor Tallon and Mr. Redmond, included Thomas Kennedy, H. M. Bannon and several other New Yorkers, were escorted to the mayor's office in the city hall, where an informal reception was held, and Mayor Ashbridge bade the visitors welcome and extended to them the freedom of the city. These ceremonies concluded the visitors were driven to the Hotel Walton, where luncheon was served.

The lord mayor and Mr. Redmond attended a large public meeting tonight in the interest of the Parnell monument fund. Governor Stone presided. Speeches were made by the governor, Mayor Ashbridge, the lord mayor, Mr. Redmond and a number of others. Quite a number of subscriptions to the fund were announced, among them being \$500 from John Wannamaker, \$200 from State Senator David Martin and \$100 from Governor Stone.

The lord mayor will visit the national export exposition tomorrow, which has been designated as "Irish-American day."

Lehigh Valley Earnings.

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—The statement of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company for October, 1899, as compared with the same period in 1898, shows gross earnings \$2,287,877; decrease, \$104,583; expenses, \$1,581,138; increase, \$706,739. Net earnings, \$706,739; decrease, \$221,434. For eleven months to October 31, 1899, gross earnings were \$19,487,228; increase, \$1,728,963; expenses, \$12,690,885; increase, \$2,839,563. Net earnings, \$6,796,343; increase, \$1,959,563.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Fair to eastern Pennsylvania, fair Wednesday and probably Thursday; fresh southwesterly winds.

SAMOAN TREATY IS SATISFACTORY

United States Did Not Reject Anglo-German Plan—English Authorities Assert That the Statement Published is Misleading.

London, Nov. 28.—It is reported officially that the statement that the United States rejected the agreement between Great Britain and Germany regarding Samoa is misleading. A representative of the Associated Press has been informed that the status of the Samoa question is as follows: "Consequent on the signing of the Samoan treaty between Germany and Great Britain, to which the United States had signed its assent, there was drawn up a new form of agreement between Great Britain and the United States. That was necessitated by the new order of things, but in no wise affected the validity of the Anglo-German agreement, which included the warding of the reefs and other matters entirely foreign to American interests."

The statement that the agreement has been rejected, is based, according to the British officials, on the suggestions made by Washington of a change in the warding of the reefs, of the agreement between the United States and Great Britain. These changes are grammatical and are to be accepted. That the United States submitted a new treaty affecting the three powers was not intended to take away from the United States if there is any chance. Our order will pay the fine. The sentence is an outrage."

Port Scott, Kansas, Nov. 28.—In order to make his term of imprisonment more endurable, Judge Williams, if the federal court today changed the three months contempt sentence passed upon John P. Reese, member of the national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, last night, by ordering him confined in the Shawnee county jail at Topeka, instead of in the federal prison here. This will make it possible for Reese to have a corridor to himself, which would not have been possible at the federal prison.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Nov. 28.—(Closed.) Teutonic for Liverpool; Kensington for Antwerp via Southampton. Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, for Bremen via Cherbourg and Southampton; Olympic, for Liverpool; Arrived: Southwark, from New York via Southampton; Lizard-Passed; Statendam, from New York for Rotterdam; Hamburg-Arrived; Phoenicia, New York; New York-Arrived; Noordland, Antwerp.

Readjustment of Wages.

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—Superintendent W. B. Beeler, of the main line division of the Reading railway, whose office is at Reading, Pa., announced that a readjustment of wages in his division will be made to take effect December 1. It is unofficially announced that the readjustment will carry with it a general advance in wages for all the men connected with the main line service.

Broad Defeats Sullivan.

New York, Nov. 28.—Kid Broad, of Cleveland, was awarded the decision over Dave Sullivan at the end of the twenty-fifth round.

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