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## MR. BAYARD IS ASSAILED

### A Massachusetts Congressman Urges His Impeachment.

#### FOR "UNAMERICAN UTTERANCES."

A Speech Delivered in Edinburgh, Scotland, in Which he Denounced Protection as a Species of Socialism, the Subject of Sensational Charges.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Representative William E. Barrett, of Massachusetts, enjoys the distinction of being the author of the first thrilling incident in the present house of representatives. He threw a bombshell into that body soon after it convened by offering a resolution impeaching Thomas F. Bayard, ex-secretary of state, and now United States ambassador to the court of St. James, for high crimes and misdemeanors. The grounds advanced in the resolution were the utterances of Mr. Bayard delivered before the Edinburgh, Scotland, Philosophical Institute on Nov. 7. In this speech Mr. Bayard spoke of "protection as a form of 'state socialism,'" and said it had done more to "foster class legislation, breed inequality, corrupt public life, lower the tone of national representation and divorce ethics from politics" than any other single cause. Such reflections on the government policy



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by a United States ambassador before a foreign audience, the resolution recited, were in serious disregard of his proprieties and obligations and calculated to injure our national reputation. It concluded by instructing the foreign affairs committee, which was empowered to send persons and papers, to investigate and report "by impeachment or otherwise." Mr. Barrett's resolution had been preceded by one of his colleague, Mr. McCall, in a milder tone.

Mr. McCall's resolution went down before an objection, and then it was that Mr. Barrett sprang his impeachment resolution as one constituting a question of privilege. Mr. Crisp, the leader of the minority, made an unavailing attempt to contest the privileged nature of the resolution. Speaker Reed overruled his point of order and the resolution was thrown into the arena of debate, where it remained for three hours.

The Republicans took the position that Mr. Bayard's speech constituted an offense against the country that called for a stern rebuke, if not his recall. The Democrats took the position that Mr. Bayard's utterances did not by any stretch of the imagination constitute grounds for impeachment. Mr. Turner, applauding them and asserting that they were not even a breach of propriety. They took the position that the resolution was largely "buncombe" to give the Republicans an opportunity to air their protection views.

Those who took part in the debate were Messrs. Barrett, Dingley, Grow, Hitt and Cannon, Republicans, and Messrs. Crisp, McCreary, Money and Turner, Democrats. Mr. Hitt, who will be chairman of foreign affairs, advised Mr. Barrett to amend the resolution so as to strike out the words instructing the committee to "report by impeachment or otherwise," and this was finally done. Mr. Crisp moved to refer the resolution to the judiciary committee, which being done by a strict party vote—90 to 307—the Democrats contented themselves with simply voting viva voce against the resolution, which was adopted without division.

The senate was in session less than two hours. The proceedings consisted of the introduction of about a hundred bills and a speech on the Monroe doctrine by Senator Cullom. Mr. Cullom's speech was read from manuscript and was attentively received by the senate. He took strong grounds for an affirmative policy in order to convince other nations of their error in supposing this doctrine to be impotent for our guidance, and contended for the propriety of congressional action, saying that diplomacy had been sufficiently tried and had been found wanting.

**What the London Times Thinks of It.**  
LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Times this morning has an editorial commenting upon the action of the house of representatives at Washington relative to Mr. Bayard's speeches in England. It says: "Speeches such as those made by Mr. Bayard would not be delivered by a European diplomat, and even in Mr. Bayard's case they were rather surprising. Nevertheless, impeachment seems a very disproportionate punishment for what, at the worst, is an indiscretion."

**The Dupont Contest in the Senate.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The senate committee on privileges and elections has agreed to postpone consideration of the Dupont election case until after the holidays. The opponents to the seating of Mr. Dupont are to be given until the date of the first meeting after Christmas to prepare and file their brief, after which Mr. Dupont will have ten days in which to make his response. This arrangement will have the effect of throwing the settlement of the case over until the latter part of January.

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## ST. LOUIS THE WINNER.

### She Captures the Republican Convention of 1896.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Republican national convention will be held at St. Louis on June 16 next. That was the decision reached by the national committee assembled here yesterday after spirited balloting lasting two hours. The successful ballots, the first being informal, are shown as follows:

St. Louis	13	14	18	22	25
San Francisco	20	19	19	18	18
Pittsburg	9	9	5	1	1
Chicago	8	5	0	0	0
New York	1	1	0	0	0

The morning was spent in hearing speeches in behalf of the contending cities, the doors being open to the various contesting delegations. This concluded, the committee began its afternoon session behind closed doors. An eager crowd choked up the corridors leading to the committee room, and awaited the announcement of results.

The first important question of the afternoon was the fixing of the date of the convention. The executive committee reported a resolution favoring June 16. This was amended by Committeeman Lannan, of Utah, in favor of Aug. 18. There was a sharp debate, and Mr. DeYoung, of California, finally proposed July as a compromise between June and August. The DeYoung and Lannan amendments were both defeated, and then, by a practically unanimous vote, the date was fixed at June 16.

Then came the main contest between the cities. There was much excitement as the ballots proceeded, the committeemen from the interested sections hurrying about and seeking to effect combinations. At the outset San Francisco secured one more than the nineteen claimed for the first. The announcement of her lead was greeted with enthusiasm when it reached the outer corridors. The strength of St. Louis was somewhat greater than had been expected, while neither Pittsburg nor Chicago made the showing anticipated.

St. Louis gained steadily on each ballot. San Francisco sought to meet this by drawing the votes of Chicago, but without avail. The first serious break occurred when David Martin, of Pennsylvania, led the Pittsburg forces toward St. Louis. On the fourth and last formal ballot the San Francisco forces broke for the first time, Michigan, Wyoming and Connecticut going to St. Louis. That settled it, and gave St. Louis the convention. The choice was made unanimous on motion of Mr. DeYoung, of San Francisco.

On the announcement of the decisive ballot there was a rush for the St. Louis headquarters, where all the delegates from that city gathered with Missouri congressmen and patriots at large. There was a great handshaking and popping of corks for a few minutes, with occasional cheers, until Clark H. Sampson was lifted to a table in reply to calls for a speech. While he was talking the room was filling up and Congressman Jay, Barthold and Cobb soon appeared, and then the Pittsburg and California delegations pushed in to congratulate their rival.

The appetite of the crowd for speech-making was remarkable, and many of the delegates were called upon to mount the impromptu rostrum. Ex-Congressman Warner, Mayor Walbridge, Chauncey Filly, Seth W. Cobb, Democratic congressman from St. Louis, Knight of California; Richard C. Kerns, Harry Ford, of Pittsburg; Congressman William A. Stone, Nathan Frank and several others were called upon to talk. All of the visitors claimed that St. Louis had been their second choice and took defeat with good nature.

After concluding the ballot the committee took up the question of territorial delegates, and recommended that New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Oklahoma each select four delegates in addition to the two heretofore chosen. A hearing was accorded to Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Iowa, who spoke of woman's influence in behalf of the party.

At 6 o'clock the committee had completed its labors and adjourned. The executive committee then held a brief session to arrange the details of the convention, in accordance with the determination of the full committee.

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**Kendrick House Free Lunch.**  
Oysters on toast to-night.

**Home From the Hospital.**  
James Morrison, of Brownsville, has returned to his home from the Miners' hospital. He suffered an amputation of one of his legs, which was crushed between the bumpers of a mine locomotive and car at the Turkey Run colliery.

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## LOCAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS!

### Offices to be Filled at the Coming Election.

#### CANDIDATES WILL BE NUMEROUS

Contests for Seats on the School Board and Borough Council Will Lead in the Elections—Some of the Vacancies.

The opening of the Spring election campaign by the Citizens Standing Committee, although somewhat earlier than usual, has caused a bustle among people who intend to be candidates and announcements will be numerous within a few days. The campaign promises to be one of the most spirited held for several years and there will be an unusually large number of candidates. The Democrats will make an exceptionally strong fight this year, especially on the elections of School Directors. They will exhaust every means to elect one in the Second ward this year with the hope of following it up with additional gains in the spring of 1897 that will bring the School Board under their control again.

There will be no election of a Chief Burgess or Receiver of Taxes this time, but it is believed the contests in the respective wards for School Directors and Councilmen will be spirited enough to bring out as many votes as a general ticket would bring out.

Six School Directors and six Councilmen are to be elected at the coming election, in addition to two Justices of the Peace and two ward Constables. The Citizens party will no doubt make a fight for every position. The four vacancies in the First ward appear out of reach, but some members of the party believe that by a good shaking of the tree one or two plums may drop into their hands.

In the First ward two School Directors and two Councilmen must be elected. School Director Conry's term expires in June and a successor must be elected to the late John T. Stanton. Mr. Conry will not be a candidate for re-election. His position as Health Officer satisfies him so far as local politics are concerned. Councilman Kane feels that three years on the Borough Council is enough experience, and it is said Councilman O'Brien, who will retire in March after filling the unexpired term of Anthony Meluskey, will turn his attention in another direction and aspire for a School Directorship. Michael Sullivan is said to be eyeing the other vacancy on the Board. Daniel Coakley doesn't care whether he succeeds Kane, or O'Brien, but will ask to be given one of the seats in Council. James J. O'Leary, an ex-School Director, will seek a return to the Board next spring.

School Director Daniel Ogden's term will expire next June and it is uncertain whether he will consent to be a candidate for re-election before the people of the Second ward. Councilman John P. Boehm's one year term is expiring and it is more than probable that he will be out for re-nomination. The terms of C. W. Dengler, as Justice of the Peace, and Tallien Phillips, as Constable, also expire and both will be candidates for re-election. The report that D. H. Llewellyn will be a candidate for Justice is exploded by the gentleman himself.

T. J. James will retire from Council, his term expiring, and it is said no less than half a dozen good and true men of the Third ward are ready to jump into his shoes. An equal number of people are said to be anxious to succeed William T. Trezise as School Director from this ward. He will be a candidate for re-election. A Justice of the Peace and a Constable must also be elected in this ward. P. W. Bierstein, who is filling the unexpired term of John G. Davis, will seek the nomination to succeed himself. No others have been mentioned thus far. Chief of Police Tush, who also holds the Constableness of this ward, will seek a re-election to the police position.

There has virtually been a vacant Fourth ward seat in the Borough Council for several months by the removal of Patrick Gaffigan from that ward, but that gentleman has never formally resigned the position and Council has not taken the trouble to declare the seat vacant or fill it. It will be necessary this spring, however, for the people to elect a successor for the two-fold reason that Mr. Gaffigan is still a non-resident and his term of three years expires. The term of School Director Manley also expires. It is said the Democrats will trot out Thomas Brennan to succeed him. The Citizens party has not given the matter much attention thus far, but it is reported John A. Grant may be a candidate for the place. Thomas J. Powell is also spoken of.

The three-year term of Michael Dougherty, who swears by the people of the Third ward, but stands by the people of the Fifth, and represents the latter on the Borough Council, is also expiring. His present intentions are not known. The term of School Director James J. Devitt is fast fading, but he will seek a re-nomination and will have Charles Hoffman, it is said, as a competitor on the Citizens ticket, and Thomas McGuire on the Democratic ticket.

Such is the status of local political affairs at the present time, with consideration of aspirants for High Constable and Borough Auditor, the only two borough offices to be filled this spring, not considered. No declarations in connection with the two offices have thus far been made, but the voices of a host will soon be heard and the people will have ample material from which to make a selection.

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**The Wachter Funeral.**  
The remains of the seven-year-old son of Peter Wachter, one of the officials at the Schuylkill Haven almshouse, were brought to this town from that place last night and interred in the Amunetation cemetery. The funeral was private.

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**Packer Employes' Pay-Day.**  
The announcement has been made that the Packer employes in this district will be paid on Saturday next. This will be welcome news to the workmen.

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