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Senator Willacy and His Tribe.

Senator Willacy has been junketing the state over, holding secret conclaves in different cities, and trying to impress the people of the state with the idea that he is arranging a formidable scheme for bringing the democratic party into great jeopardy unless it undoes much that it has done, through legislative measures for prohibition; and against the liquor interest. He has also caused to leak out the fact that he is forming such a combination as will overthrow prohibition in the next legislature of Texas.

The senator may succeed in doing all he claims to expect to do, but somehow we seriously doubt it, and for good reasons.

One of these is that Senator Willacy combined every element that he could rally to his support, during the last session of the Texas legislature, and his great scheme dragged its slow length along through the session, only to prove to be an abortion at the end. The result was not even a respectable still-born. It vanished like thin mist, and disappeared like darkness before sunrise.

Senator Willacy and his cohort should remember that prohibition sentiment is much stronger and more popular in Texas today than it was on the day of the adjournment of the state legislature. In truth, the failure of his measure has aided no little in bringing about just this state of things. So it comes to pass that the senator has been a valuable factor in aiding prohibition to attain to the successes which it has achieved. Many took courage from this failure, and doubtless many voted for prohibition who would not otherwise have done so. Should the doughty senator give us as much help again, we shall bid him God speed in his noble work.

He is now represented as saying that the decision of the court of criminal appeals, at Dallas, makes unnecessary the passage of the Willacy bill. That, according to this decision, the legislature is not empowered to designate two or more precincts as a subdivision for a prohibition election as was done with respect to Cook county. In other words, that an election can be held only in a county, town, city, justice or commissioners' precinct, or school district.

Senator Willacy and his followers know, or should know, that the court was not a unit in this decision, and that, at least a portion of the court held the reverse. Be that as it may, if it is illegal, prohibitionists will abide by the law, and still carry Cook county for prohibition. This seems to us to be small comfort to the gentry traversing the state over invested with ominousness as they have gone. The mountain has travailed and brought forth a mouse. But the senator and those of his ilk still portend future woe for prohibition. They say that the Willacy bill which will fundamentally change the existing prohibition law, will be undoubtedly passed at the next session of the legislature. With prophetic ken, these men, of course, know just about as much of what the next legislature will do as they knew before the last session what its action would be. If their knowledge of future events will be equal to that which it was before, we are willing.—Advance.

More Immigration Excursions.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific management has determined to make renewed efforts to colonize its whole territory in the southwest and has authorized an increase in the appropriation for this feature. In order to carry out the plans of colonization the passenger traffic department will put on extremely low rates, and has asked the Western Passenger Association for three one-way excursions into southwestern territory from Chicago.

The dates named in the proposition are February 16, March 1 and 15, when it is proposed to run homeseekers' excursions into Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas at less than half fare.

The rate proposed for the two territories, one way, is \$10 and for Texas \$11.50. The one-way normal tariff to Fort Worth from Chicago is \$26.40; to Houston \$31.15; to Mangum, O. T., \$25.80; and to Lawton, I. T., \$25.30.

Who Gets Beef Profits?

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—James Wilson, secretary of Agriculture, said to-day in discussing the relation of the packing houses to the price of meat: "Either the farmer is not getting enough for his beef or the consumer is paying too much. Fat cattle are not as dear as they were a few years ago, and there are good reasons why they should not be. But there are no good reasons why the consumer should pay as much for his beefsteak as he paid a few years ago. Whether the packer or the retailer is to blame I cannot tell you, but my impression is that the retailer has absorbed most of the difference. The margin between those prices, what the farmer receives and what the retailer pays, is much greater than it should be."

"When beef was at its highest two or three years, it was clearly apparent that there was a scarcity in the material of which beef is made. The corn crop had been very short and consequently beef was very dear. The retailers put their prices up. Now their prices are about the same, although cattle on the hoof are perhaps \$1.50 a hundred less than they were at that time. Beef should be, in round figures, 20 per cent cheaper to the consumer than it is now, or the farmer should be getting 20 per cent more for his stock."

"With regard to the world's prices of beef, I have taken steps to ascertain the extent to which we are meeting competition in the British market from South American countries. I am strongly suspicious that the Argentina people are sending an increasing amount of refrigerated quarters of beef to Great Britain. This economic move ought not normally to affect our beef prices for the retailer or the farmer. The Argentina people cannot ship their live stock because of the foot and mouth disease which they have there. So they are compelled to ship their products in refrigerated quarters, and they must sell it for what they can. The volume of this trade is increasing so fast, from what I learn, as to account in some part for the cheaper prices of beef that are now prevailing abroad over those of a short time ago. This should give us lower prices here, because the price in London of our live animals and our refrigerated beef has much to do with our prices here. We sell

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Editors at The World's Fair.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—The executive committee of the National Editorial Association met at the Southern Hotel on January 27 to complete arrangements for the meeting of the association in May. The May meeting will be in conjunction with the International Press Congress during the week of May 16. On that occasion representative editors from many countries of the world will be assembled and the entire week will be given up to the entertainment of the editorial guests. Special programs are being prepared for each day. Many state editorial, including the Texas and Northwest Texas associations will meet at the World's Fair at the same time and distinguished American editors in large numbers will attend, making the congress the largest and most important meeting of editors ever held. The forty members of the National Association's Executive Committee visited the World's Fair grounds on the afternoon of the 27th and found the principal Exposition buildings complete and ready for the installation of exhibits, which has already begun.

Some Texas Political History.

When Texas begins to receive the benefits of the Isthmian canal, she may well exclaim in the language of the old lady who received the bread she prayed for: "The lord sent it, even if the devil brought it." In this connection, it is rather humiliating to remember that the benefits of deep water at Galveston came to us by the same route. Democratic congresses persistently turned down prayers of our people for the necessary appropriation for deep water at that port, but finally the Republican devil brought the blessing.—Texas Farmer.

A great deal of the excitement over the gold discovery has subsided, however gold is still being found in small quantities and the question is now, is there enough to pay? Many are of the opinion that the main deposit has not yet been found, but that it lies somewhere in the vicinity of the present discovery. A number of placer claims are still being staked daily.—Tucumcari Times.

Mrs. Jno. Ralston was fatally burned at Holland by her clothes catching from a fireplace.

Panhandle Cattle Situation.

W. D. Jordan, the Federal quarantine inspector, is reported to have said, to a Dallas News reporter, of the condition of Panhandle cattle: "They have wintered well, and so far there have been no losses. Should the weather conditions remain favorable stockmen in the Panhandle will fare better this year than for many years past. In many places grass is short, but most of the stockmen have laid up a liberal supply of feedstuff to carry their cattle over the rough weather period, and as there has been no occasion to draw upon this supply as yet, it is believed that when bad weather does set in there will be less loss than was experienced last year, when the weather was extremely fierce and feed supplies were almost exhausted. February was the worst month for stockmen last year, and as that month has just arrived, it can not be foretold what will be experienced in the line of unfavorable weather this winter."

Speaking of the passage of cattle across the quarantine line, Mr. Jordan says the movement has been extremely light this fall, and roughly estimates the number at approximately 4,000 head. On Jan. 31 the line will be closed to all cattle that have not been dipped, and in order to pass for interstate shipment it will be necessary to dip them twice in the South American dip or once in crude oil.

Alanreed Items.

Representative W. B. Ware of Clarendon was transacting business in Alanreed on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Pearl Vinyard, sister of Mrs. Allan Baker, who has been here on a prolonged visit to Mrs. Baker, was called home Wednesday night, to Claude, by the sudden sickness of a relative.

The lumber has arrived and work on the W. O. W. hall commenced today, if the weather is favorable it will be ready for use in a short time. W. M. Greenwood has the contract. The W. O. W. expect to give a big ball when it is completed, the exact time is not known yet.

A tree man of Clarendon was here the latter part of last week, and succeeded in getting the business men and others of our town to purchase shade trees to set out, we are glad to see this action in the matter, and expect to see our little town grow to be one of the prettiest cities in the Panhandle of Texas.

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It is agreed that March 30 will be Dedication Day for the Texas state building at the World's Fair.

DEMOCRATIC senators are doubtless hearing from the boys at home. A caucus was held in Washington Saturday and the dispatches say "almost all the senators present spoke and the general tendency of the remarks was more favorable to the treaty than on former occasions."

ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS seem to be getting more desperate. R. C. Francis at Sherman met death at the hands of an anti assassin, as did Jesse Gordon, a farmer near Dexter in Cooke county, whose throat was cut by a man named Syd Young. The love of whiskey and the traffic in it must yield a powerful influence when it drives a man to the assassination of his fellow beings.

CONGRESS is having a hot time over the Hepburn bill and prohibition. The W. C. T. U. and the Anti-saloon League are using every effort for the passage of the bill. Arrayed against it are C. J. Hexamer of Philadelphia, president of the National German-American alliance, together with Gustave Voss of New York, K. A. Sholz of Indianapolis, Ind.; Noah Cuter of Newark, N. J.; Adolph Timm of Philadelphia, M. Von Briesen of Washington, D. C., and others representing this organization; President Theurer and former President Kendall, with Robert Crain of Baltimore, general counsel of the United States Brewers' association, E. L. Jordan, the president of the National Association of Retail Liquor Dealers, and Fred Schade, local counsel, and a number of others, including members of congress. Next Friday the committee will set a date for further hearings on the bill.

The railway commission has extended the time the children's rate is to begin, and have issued the following circular: "It is ordered by the Railway Commission of Texas that the charges for transporting or carrying children under 12 years and over 5 years of age by railroads in Texas shall not exceed 1 1/2c per mile, and the minimum fare for such children shall be 10c. When the fare under the rates herein established does not end in 5 or 0, the nearest sum so ending shall be the fare." It was provided that when such fare ends in 2 1/2, 2 1/2c will be added to make 5 or 0. The rate is to take effect Feb. 10.

At Sherman Monday for violation of the local option law Guy Craig, charged in two separate cases was fined in the first \$50 and forty days in jail. In the second \$25 and twenty days in jail. Ed Wilson was fined \$25 and thirty days in jail.

The Gray County Eagle came out last week with more home space and looking more like a standard newspaper. When its devil learns to be less extravagant with ink, it will size up well for a country town paper.

About half the voters in Tarrant county are disqualified, most of them outside of Fort Worth.

Gov. Taft is now Secretary of War, having been installed last Monday.

A 3-year-old girl of C. E. Waldron's at Hagerman, N. M., fell into a vessel of hot water Thursday and was scalded to death.

Donley County Products.

D. C. Priddy was in Fort Worth Saturday with some of our soil products. The Record reporter says of it:

"There were kaffir corn that was packed in the head for the length of a foot; heads of milo maize that weighed a pound; bunches of alfalfa that gives from two to four cuttings per year broom corn that yields on the fertile lands of Donley a half ton to the acre; cotton of fleecy staple and immaculate color, that grows at the rate of half a bale to the acre; oats, one acre of which yielded over seventy-two bushels, actual measurement; spanish onions of good size, that are a part of the crop that produced 200 bushels to the acre; toothsome looking sweet potatoes that are a part of a crop that yielded 150 bushels to the acre; while he also had samples of Irish potatoes that are a part of a crop that yielded 150 bushels to the acre; and sample ears of corn that yields from fifteen to thirty-six bushels per acre.

"The people of the state of Texas are laboring under a strange hallucination when they think that Donley county is an arid stretch of country where nothing can be raised," said Mr. Priddy. "It in reality, is God's county. It is the garden spot of Texas. We get from twenty-three to thirty-six inches of rainfall every year, and the soil is the richest to be found anywhere. The land is easy to cultivate and with even half a show most prolific yields can be had by the farmers. There are many everlasting springs in the county, and water for stock is never wanting. I have known farmers to come there and from the first year's crop make enough to pay for a good size farm and have enough over to put a shilling or so in the bank. Since the boll weevil has been playing the cat and banjo in southern Texas we have been receiving a large number of inquiries relative to what can be produced in our section of the country. When we write these pest stricken people what can be grown in Donley they are inclined to think that we are exaggerating. All we have to say is, that the people from Missouri are ones we most particularly desire to investigate. We can show them that everything we say is the gospel truth and that half of the glories of the free state of Donley can not be writ on paper."

A Grand Duke's Blunder.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—Advices credited to an "authoritative source" in Russia state that during the recent maneuvers of Russian troops the Grand Duke Serge, governor general of Moscow, ordered a bridge blown up, forgetting that the structure was crowded with troops. Unintelligent subordinates obeyed the order, regardless of consequences, and as a result fifty officers and 1000 men were killed or wounded.

The grand duke's removal from the army and the loss of his post are expected.

John Spivey, a recluse who lived about sixteen miles east of Checotah, I. T., was killed by unknown parties Thursday night and his home burned. Upon investigation his skull was found to be crushed. An ax found near his body did the work. The old man had accumulated about \$1,500 and owned several head of stock.

Thursday night J. L. Underwood near Hereford, returned home from a trip to find his hired hand missing, as well as a Schuttler wagon, five sacks of wheat and team of mules gone—brown horse mule branded L N bar I. shoulder, and mare mule branded A on thigh and right ear split.

STATE NEWS.

Hall county issued 391 poll tax receipts.

Spot cotton went to 16 3/4 cents in Houston Monday.

The Advocate is clamoring for a new jail at Amarillo.

Eugene Williams was killed near Altoga Friday night by a collision in a horse race.

The largest poll tax counties are Dallas, 11,602, Tarrant, 9,194, Grayson, 9,000, Bexar, 7,398, Harris 7125.

The 13-months-old boy of W. L. Smith of Haslet near Justin, was scalded accidentally and after fourteen hours of suffering died.

Harry McAllister, 13 years old, was shot in the body with a small rifle Sunday near Birdville. He was crawling through a wire fence dragging his gun behind him.

Bishop Holmes, aged 20, married, shot and killed himself Friday in Dallas. He was formerly employed by Glen Walker in Fort Worth. He was connected with one of the best families in Greenville.

Three women of the "acre" district in Fort Worth attempted suicide within a week. Two succeeded; Nellie Martelle, whose right name was Ada Holiday, 24 years old, from Carlton, Mo., and Laura Wallace, aged 28.

Fire at Temple a few days ago caused a damage of \$7,000 to the interior of the Masonic temple, a three-story brick building. The loss is fully covered by insurance. All paraphernalia and records of the lodges were destroyed.

At Fort Worth a few days ago a young lady who gave her age as 25 years applied to the county clerk for marriage license. As her intended was a minor, the much sought document was refused. The woman left the court house declaring that she would get married if she had to go to the territory.

Jersey Mosquitoes and Oysters.

It is New Jersey's ambition to show at the World's Fair how to cultivate the famous and delicious New Jersey oyster and to exterminate the infamous and mighty New Jersey mosquito.

New Jersey will do a lot of other things at the exposition, but Lewis T. Bryant, secretary of the New Jersey commission, says that two exhibits, which have been allotted space in the Palace of Forestry, Fish and Game, will be of more than common interest. All who have tickled their palates with the luscious bivalves, and all those who have yielded up their rich, red blood to satisfy the voracious appetite of the pesky Jersey mosquito which seems to thrive in all states, will be glad to know how to multiply the former and be overjoyed to learn of the fate that awaits the latter.

A great glass tank at the World's Fair will constitute the improvised home for New Jersey oysters, clams, shrimps, crabs, lobsters and other shell fish. The environment will be so natural that fish are expected to live and thrive just as they do on the Jersey shores. Mud from the Jersey oyster beds will be dredged and transported to the World's Fair. A thick coating will be spread over the bottom of the tank and five and one-half feet of salt water, brought from New Jersey's Atlantic shores, will be poured in on top of this.

The glass sides of the tank will permit the visitor to walk around and at his leisure study the habits of the oysters and other shell fish. In addition to the culture of the fish, the various processes for their capture and handling will be shown.

The extermination of the New Jersey mosquito is too important a subject to be treated in connection

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with any other exhibit. The New Jersey commission has prepared a special big tank and will have it filled with the larvae of the dreaded mosquito and also will install a fleet of mosquito destroyers. An eminent scientist will be in charge of this phase of New Jersey mosquitoes.

A concoction of oil will be spread upon the surface of the waters, and this, it is claimed, will kill a certain percentage of the mosquitoes. But New Jersey will not depend upon the World's supply of oil to kill her famous pests.

A new fish has been discovered which Jersey scientists say will kill those mosquitoes that survive the oil treatment. This fish has not been named, but if it does what scientists claim it will do, its fame is assured. The fish is not much larger than a full grown Jersey mosquito. It rarely grows larger than a man's index finger. It lives on the surface, and in theory prefers mosquito eggs to any other food. The fish are being raised in large numbers and all of the mosquito breeding waters of New Jersey are to be stocked with them.

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 - O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meet 1st and 3rd Thursday nights each month in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. D. E. OSEY, N. G. M. ROSENFELD, Sec'y.
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 No. 2, Mail and Express..... 7:15 a. m.
 No. 8, Passenger and Express..... 9:30 p. m.
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 A six room dwelling for rent. Inquire of Dr. Stocking.
 The Valentines at Stocking's store will touch the intended spot. Go see them.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. D. A. Gathings is reported ill this week.

George Bugbee, of Hall county is in town today.

Martin Bennett Co. have a new ad this week. Read it.

Comic, Fancy and Serious valentines at Stocking's drug store.

Just received a big shipment of harness and strap goods at Rutherford & Collins'.

Henry Stockett and Will Adams sold Barbee 22 horses and mules for shipment this week.

We have had pretty weather again this week. But our climate is unsurpassed, anyway.

Miss Cole, of Amarillo, who has been visiting the Betts family, returned home Monday.

Better watch out for the game law. The season runs out Sunday for quail and several other kinds of game.

Walter Hightower is in college at Decatur, his brother, Bob, is studying telegraphy in Dallas and their sister, Willie, attends college in Clarendon.

Rev. Thornton spent the first of the week in Childress county, where his brother, Kay, is sick with pneumonia. He is improving some, however.

There will be a box supper and valentine party by the ladies of the Baptist church at the residence of R. C. Moss Friday night Feb. 12. Every body invited.

Miss Ethel White, who has been attending school here, left yesterday for her home, at Rowe. Her mother is in poor health, necessitating Ethel's return home.

J. H. Rathjen has bought the Strassburger store building, recently occupied by Rutherford Bros., and is having it improved and will move his shoe store to it. He bought it for \$650.

There were poll tax receipts issued in this county to the number of 488. If all had paid that were subject, it would have been 614, besides the exemptions which would probably run the number of voters up to 665.

Mrs. Clint Rutherford left last night for Amarillo to visit her sister, Mrs. Smyer, who is sick. From there she will go on to Tucumcari, her new home. Her husband is loading out their household goods today to ship to Tucumcari.

Land transfers filed for record this week are: W. L. and M. S. Harcastle to W. C. Smith school sec. 8, block E, \$800. W. M. Hilderbrand and wife to Clarendon Hilderbrand lots 13 and 14, block 8, \$200. J. B. Cope to Richard Walsh 320 acres of sec. 48 and 320 acres of sec. 14 in block G 4, \$1280.

If you want to make a hit with your chum, Stocking's valentines does the work.

George Morgan is spending today at Channing.

The city council will have their regular monthly meeting tonight.

Dr. Denson of Amarillo came down this morning and is as jolly as ever.

The Old Maid's convention, will appear at the opera house Saturday night Feb. 6.

Dr. Denson, the drugless doctor of Amarillo, is in our city. Those who have failed to be cured by other methods should see him as consultation is free.

Telephone connection can be made with the following places from Clarendon: Amarillo, Canyon City, Hereford, Childress, Estelline, Giles, Goodnight, Memphis, Newlin, Panhandle, Rowe, Umbarger, Washburn, Hollis, Leger, Ok., Mangum, Ok., Haskell, Paducah, Matador, Swenson, Floydada, Dickens City, Benjamin and Eldorado, Ok.

Call and see Clower's big stock of Valentines; all sizes, styles and prices to suit. Stock Fresh and up to date.

Warned Today, Tomorrow Too Late.

CLARENDON, Feb. 3, 1904.—The Mayor requests that in the public and denominational schools "fire drill" exercises be performed at least once a week, while school is held.

And directs the school board of the Public school and trustees for the Clarendon college to provide suitable and strong ladders and have them on the grounds, so that the second floor windows can be reached and opened from the outside if necessary.

This direction is to be instantly acted upon.

I. W. CARHART, Mayor.

Wellington.

Times.

All sorts of weather this week, expecting rain—too close to Childress, we presume.

The Baptist and Methodist houses of worship in this town are the only ones in this county.

Mrs. Groff, who lives a few miles from town, stepped on a rusty nail last week and is suffering intensely.

Grandma Coleman, of near Dozier, is having a residence erected in Shamrock where she expects to move soon.

We regret to learn that our friend Wood Baxter is improving so slowly from a wound received in the foot during Christmas.

J. M. Scott, one of the first settlers in Greer county, lost his life last Monday, near Hollis, by his dugout falling in on him. He was well to do and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

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Giles Gossip.

CHRONICLE Correspondence.

Rev. Fort will preach at the Giles school house Sunday February 14th.

Messrs. Dayton and T. P. Shelton have bought farms from their father, J. M. Shelton, 6 miles north of Giles; one 120 and one 170 acres. Mr. T. P. Shelton has his neat cottage completed and will move in this week. Dayton Shelton has the lumber on the ground and will commence to build his home immediately.

Mrs. T. C. Ranson, who has been remodeling and adding to her home near Giles, has everything complete and has now a very convenient and cosy home. She has also just completed a new well and wind mill.

Mrs. Geo. Craine, who has been quite sick for the past week, is reported much better.

Mr. W. M. Crow, who has been quite seriously ill with heart trouble, is reported some better but not out of danger.

Mr. Bourland, of Quail, unloaded a car of cotton seed cake and is hauling it to his ranch near Quail in Collingsworth county.

A complete new set of blacksmith tools has arrived and will be placed in position in the blacksmith shop immediately.

Mrs. Newman, wife of the section foreman has been sick and Dr. Ballew of Memphis has been attending her.

Weather continues dry, farmers around Giles beginning to wish for rain, cattle doing well and if dry weather continues will go through the winter with very little feed.

The Younger and James combined wild west show of last year, that stranded at Fort Worth after leaving here, is preparing to start on the road in the early spring under the name of the Buckskin Bill's Consolidated Wild West Shows.

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Bob Hampton charged with the theft of a team at Canyon City was last week bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury, and in default of bond was committed to jail. It is said he is wanted by the officials of the Territory, also.

R. L. Baxter, foreman of the Mill Iron Ranch, and Mrs. M. M. Hurt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caperton, married at Dozier Monday of last week.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From the Democratic Congressional committee

At least one republican member of the House of Representatives has a good idea of the eternal fitness of all things, and what is due to the taxpayers of the country in respect, and he has taken a pot-shot at a very lively abuse that has been growing at a rapid rate under the last two republican administrations. He is the Hon. Charles B. Landis, of Indiana, and he has aimed a resolution at the heads of the people here who are in the government employ and who ride about in carriages at the expense of the people of the country. If all the carriages and other vehicles owned and maintained by the government for the private use of the employes of the different departments were strung out in one line, they would stretch from the capital to the White House along Pennsylvania avenue. Mr. Landis has seen this abuse, and he has had the manhood and patriotism to hit it, and it is hoped he will smash it. My hat is off to Mr. Landis. More power to his elbow.

The political gossip that still is agitating the tongues of the politicians at the national capital concerns the late meeting of the Democratic National Committee in this city, and the things that happened thereat. I told last week how some of the New Yorkers quit asking for the convention when they found that the Parker boom was about as flat as a custard pie that had fallen from the top of Washington monument, but the letter was written before the adjournment of the meeting of the committee, and could not have foretold the interesting development anent the place of holding the next convention. At the time I wrote the last letter everything looked as if Chicago would have a walk-over for the convention, but something happened to scare the convention down to St. Louis. That something was the powerful Hearst movement and sentiment, not only among the members of the committee, but the hundreds of prominent democrats who came to attend the meeting of the committee. What some of the reorganizing element of the democratic party took to be a cloud no larger than a man's hand turned out to be a cyclone, and it scared them from the balmy breezes of Lake Michigan into the cyclone cellars of St. Louis. They were running from the Hearst boom, and they were a sadly scared lot of people. There was a hurry call sent around to the faithful late on Monday evening before the meeting of the committee, and a few of them met at the home of John R. McLean and agreed then and there that it would never do to allow the convention to go to a city where Mr. Hearst had two powerful newspapers and a great personal following. They conjectured up visions of thousands of working men parading the streets of the city carrying banners asking the convention to nominate Mr. Hearst, and thousands in the convention hall to stam-pede the convention to Hearst. The vote on the following day showed that all but seven members of the committee either were not scared by the Hearst boom or else were favorable to it, as they voted for Chicago. This move on the part of the people who do not favor the candidacy of Mr. Hearst proved a boomerang. They thought they were getting away from the Hearst movement, and away from the Hearst papers. They have got away from neither. The chances are that Mr. Hearst will start a paper in the city of St. Louis that will be a democratic paper to the core, and not a wishywashy, milk and water, good-lord-good-devil sort of a sheet, and the delegation

from Missouri in Congress are rejoicing thereat; also the fact that they conceded the liability of a Hearst stampede in Chicago concedes the strength of Mr. Hearst in the republican state of Illinois, and one that we must carry in order to win at the polls next November, and thus argues that he is the strongest man in the state whom we can nominate.

The late speech of the Hon. William J. Bryan, in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, in which he outlined his position on the next democratic platform and advocated the ratification and reaffirmation of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms, thereby making the money issue again the leading issue in the campaign or at least one of the leading issues, has attracted much attention here among the leaders of the party in Congress.

A careful poll of the democrats in Congress fails to reveal any considerable number of them who agree with Mr. Bryan. More than nine-tenths of them are opposed to making the money issue prominent in the platform or even mentioning it at all.

They say that the money issue for the present is a closed issue. That the influx of gold to this country on account of the new gold strikes in the Klondike and other places, the failure of crops in the older countries and the money dumped into circulation on account of the late Spanish-American war, has proved conclusively the democratic contention in these two platforms:—that there was not enough metallic money in circulation to do the business of the county on, that this increase of the gold has supplied the place of the silver for which they contended, that the consequence was what they contended it would be, viz.—prosperity.

This refusal to agree with Mr. Bryan in his idea of what the next platform should be has attracted widespread attention here to the recent interview with Hon. William Randolph Hearst published in the Chicago Tribune of January 19. In that interview Mr. Hearst outlined what he believed to be the vital issues of the next campaign and he struck a note of sympathy in the minds and hearts of the majority of the democratic leaders, when he said: "The main issue of a party of the people is to attend to the business before the people."

"In this country of sudden trust development the one dominating issue—made so by the trusts themselves—is the trust issue."

Those two sentences struck the majority of the democratic leaders here as the very essence of good sense, and when they were accompanied by an exhaustive outline of the conditions that exist and issues that should grow out of those conditions, the interview, in its entirety, made up a comprehensive democratic platform of live issues upon which the party could go before the people and win. That is the way in which his interview, which in reality is a national platform, struck the majority of the leaders of the party here in the national capital, and I have talked to the most of them personally about it. They want a man for the nominee who stands for something definite in the shape of Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy and who not only is aggressive but progressive. Therefore, they now are contrasting his wide open aggressive and progressive democratic policy with the Fabian and hide and seek politics of some others who have been mentioned for the democratic nomination and he is daily growing in the estimation of many who, a few months ago, were inclined to give his candidacy the

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