

CHAMP CLARK ON THE ISSUES

Makes a Characteristic Speech at the Jacksonian Picnic.

PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THEY WANT

He Says Bryan is Their Choice and They Will Have Him and the Chicago Platform Again in 1900.

OMAHA, NEB., Aug. 19.—Fully 1,000 Douglas county Democrats assisted by a delegation of 300 members of the Jeffersonian Club of Lancaster county, turned out today to attend the Jeffersonian Club picnic at Syndicate Park.

The Lancaster county Democrats filed a special train of six coaches. W. J. Bryan was one of the first visitors to step from the train.

At about 1 o'clock the crowd was called to order and Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri was introduced as the orator of the day. He received a generous reception.

CHAMP CLARK'S SPEECH. Mr. Clark said in part: "Beyond all cavil, we were right in 1896. The Chicago platform was a second declaration of independence. On that great day we laid aside forever, we thought, all our old and so persistently beset us—the good Lord, good devil, policy of Eastern Democrats—and taking control of the party, gave to the world a declaration of our faith, upon which we made the most astounding campaign witnessed among men since the world began."

"I believe now, and have always believed that Bryan was elected on a fair count of the ballots; but, he was defeated. It was by methods forbidden in the most corrupt in politics, and utterly subversive of good government—by unprecedented coercion of voters, by wholesale use of bribery, and by such debauchery of the suffrage as made honest men everywhere clamor against it. That, nevertheless, and notwithstanding all the odds we fought, thank God, that there were 6,500,000 American freemen who could not be bribed, wheeled or bullied into voting for the Republican candidate and our perfect young leader received more votes than were ever before cast for a candidate for the Presidency, and stands forth the foremost statesman of the age."

"If we stand courageously and unflinchingly by the great principles enunciated in 1896, we will win a decisive victory for truth and right and justice and representative government and will earn not only the approval of our own consciences, but the plaudits of every citizen of the world. If we abandon those principles, if we permit time servers, double dealers and practitioners of expediency, to obscure these issues, or shunt them to the rear, we will not only lose, but will be 'damned to everlasting fame.' THEY WANT IT."

"The people understand precisely what they want. They want the Chicago platform, and they intend to have it, unchanged, undiluted, unimpaired. They will break short off, as you can break a piece of glass, the neck of a bottle, or a piece of iron, if they are not in a frame of mind to be fooled with."

"Those supple, self-seeking demagogues in the party, who are stealing the liver of Heaven to serve the devil in, and who, yelling free silver at the tops of their voices, are manufacturing and plotting secretly and incessantly to sidetrack free silver and to supplant it with expansion and the anti-trust issues, the masses of the Democratic plain people, as you know, denominated them the common people, as Bryan affectionately calls them, will cast into utter darkness, where there will be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth."

"The overshadowing issue in 1896 was the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent or permission of any other nation under the sun. That was the paramount issue in 1896 in spite of all the tricks of the demagogues, in spite of all the agile, Democratic acrobats in the land, in spite of the cheap-John mountebanks who consider the getting of offices rather than the carrying out of great principles, to their legitimate and logical result, the chief of political parties and organized endeavor."

"The time servers would have us abandon our position and stultify ourselves in the eyes of mankind, in order to carry the election on a platform that means all things to all men, and nothing in particular; but, we would not have even that poor consolation, for the minute the Democratic leaders desert silver, the people will destroy them and select new leaders, faithful to their trust, but in the confusion of killing off recent leaders, and creating new ones, the Republicans will carry the country."

"Even as a matter of policy, to say nothing of principle, we must stand by our guns. That is the only salvation. Our duty is clear as crystal."

MAKING AN OLD CHURCH A NEW ONE

Workmen are Transforming the Interior of Historic Monumental.

ACCORDING TO MODERN IDEAS. Public Service Will Celebrate the Completion of Improvements, Last of September—History of the Church.

Artists and workmen are transforming the interior of historic Monumental Episcopal church, and when they shall have ended a complete transformation will have been wrought. Familiar features of the inside architecture and accessories are giving place to modern decorative art and the conveniences of the modern. Many, perhaps, will note the new order with a sensation of sadness and regret that a scheme of restoration instead of a plan of innovation was not followed in rehabilitating the structure, which appeals to so many hallowed associations.

The improvements undertaken by the church membership some time ago have been carried forward as expeditiously as circumstances would allow, but September will be wanting before the public service, celebrating the completion of the improvements is held.

On that day those who attend the service will, on entering, be struck with the transformation of the chancel and environs. Quartered oak will be in evidence in the pulpit stand and chancel furniture. Brass work of an ornamental character will be used where metal is necessary. A Biblical figure of imposing proportions and great beauty will ornament the wall to the rear of the chancel, where will be massed also twenty-six combination electric gas fixtures, the dials, as well as the entire floor area of the church, will be handsomely carpeted.

IN THE ROOMS. The room in the ample dome and ceiling the artists are completing a magnificent biblical group, among which will blaze thirty-six lights. Eight figures, representing the four Evangelists and the four Gospels, enter into the pictorial scheme. Carved and removed the false front of the gallery, which will be restored to its former place. This projection of several feet was made necessary when an organ was placed in the gallery many years ago. The organ was afterwards located on the main floor, but the centre gallery was never restored to its proper proportions.

The curved projection at the termination of the top of the chancel wall has been removed, and the effect is regarded as a decided improvement. The "new" Monumental will be thoroughly provided with means of illumination. About two hundred combination electric gas fixtures are being put in. The lights will be massed only in the chancel and dome. A large number will be placed at convenient points so as to light the building uniformly.

The carpeting will be in harmony with the color scheme and of the best quality. The entire floor is to be re-carpeted and the pews will undergo a change at the hands of the painter. The improvements now making will extend no further than the interior of the church. The exterior will remain as at present.

It had been expected that the work would be done by September 1st, and that the rector, Rev. W. A. Barr, who is absent abroad with his wife, would on returning find the improvements completed. As the rector sails from Southampton on the 25th instant, he will arrive probably two weeks before the work is ready to turn over the church to a service, to which the public will be invited, will be held when the work has been finished. The service will doubtless attract an immense audience.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH. The story of Monumental church is familiar history, and so long as the Commonwealth exists the tragic event on the site of its erection will not fade from the memory of Virginians. On the night of the 26th of December, 1811, Richmond was burned and destroyed by a fire which was probably started by a party of soldiers who were in the city. The church was a perfect ruin and the early history of the church was destroyed during the Federal occupation of Richmond towards the close of the civil war.

INCIDENT OF THE FIRE. Many incidents of the burning of Richmond Theatre have been told. The following, it is believed, has never been published. It was related to the writer recently by a gentleman to whom it was told by the principal actor. Among those who attended the performance was a Miss Mary Pope, a young lady of a prominent family, who was sitting in the balcony. She was separated from her companion, and left to battle for herself. She made what effort she could to escape from the oncoming flames. Battling with the mad crowd about one way or another, she was seized by a man, whose hand and drawn, almost dead, from the building. Outside, her rescuer, a young man, gave an expression of surprise. It was afterwards learned that the man, after making his own way to safety, came to the rescue of a companion, a young lady to whom he was engaged. In the excitement of the moment he mistook Miss Pope for his fiancee, whom he was destined never to see again, for she perished in the building.

THE BONDING GALERIES 'neath their burden groaned.

The grateful actors, pleased the heart to engage. High, broad, and walk with conscious pride the stage. While all was silent as the step of Death. And high excitement almost held its breath.

One deafening shriek arose; then all was hushed. A moment, and an actor wildly rushed Upon the stage with gleaming eye: "Retire, Make haste, Oh, God! the house's on fire!" Oh, what a sickening sight was there. Youth and age, wealth, beauty, thronged the stairs, The windows, pit, the stage. And now a hopeless cry Arises from some poor wretch unwilling yet to die.

Oh, how sad these scenes recall And tears not flow? There was one who on the page of fame, A bid fair to grave in lasting lines his name. You, Gibbons and the maiden of his love— Pure spirits now, they sweetly rest above— Were there cut off from help. He caught the maid And her bright cheeks were on his bosom laid. Love's action charmed her heart, her eyes her lover's met. And one tear her soft-fringed eye-lids wet.

"And is this death," she murmured as he died. The dying fall o'er his manly breast. 'Twas dead, sweet Conyers, but it could not part. The tie that bound you to thy Gibbons' heart: You were in life and death could not divide. So laid fair Conyers by her Gibbons side. Now on that spot where youth and beauty fell A torch is reared and loud the anthem swell.

TRADE EVANGELISTS. Monthly Meeting of Post A. T. P. A.—Personal and Minor Mention. The regular monthly meeting of Post A. T. P. A. was held last night at headquarters, and several hours were spent discussing questions of vital importance to the commercial men. Committees were appointed to examine into those matters. During the next week, after thorough consideration, the committees will meet to report the results.

Communications from Chicago, Philadelphia, Portland, Oregon, and Los Angeles, were read, indicating various lines of work engaging the attention of the T. P. A. in those sections and asking the cooperation of our members. One of the members from Greenboro, N. C., wrote suggesting that it is a wise plan for all T. P. A. men to wear the button upon the lapel of their coats, and the suggestion was concurred in by the members present last night.

The report of Secretary Walthall for the past month showed an increase of membership, and the names to be in good standing. It was indicated that \$200 had been paid to members of this local post for weekly indemnities for accidents received during the past thirty days. The losses of membership, which cannot be estimated on this thirty days interval, are about twenty for the past year, according to the report read last night, the smallest in the history of the post, and the net increase is about 100.

Among those present, and some who have just returned to the city after vacation and business trips, are: J. H. Duggins, Colonel John S. Harwood, Jr., E. Howell, R. S. Christian, H. E. Jones, Jr., J. J. Warden, J. H. W. W. Wallerstein, Frank Crutchenfeld, W. Stih Bell, and others. J. H. Duggins will return for an extended trip in the next few days.

C. W. Saunders writes from Philadelphia that several weeks will be spent on his trip through the North and West. Colonel J. H. Culpeper has been enjoying his vacation through the western part of the country, having just returned to the regions infested with yellow fever. H. Lee Lorraine and H. Ellis, Jr., have just returned from a pleasant trip to Atlantic City.

The pleasant face of Brother Gale, a member of Post A. T. P. A. in South Carolina, was seen on the streets Friday. He was looking well, and said that he had made efforts to start south in Charleston, Columbia and Savannah. Major H. M. Baneroff, State organist, writes from Danville, Va., that he has secured a number of new members in that city, and will forward them to the State secretary soon. He goes to Roanoke next week on a business trip, and his good work will follow him there.

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government fought the battle from the first. Neither Prince Hohenzollern, the Imperial Chancellor, or Dr. Von Miquel, though both were present at the session on Wednesday, said a word in favor of the measure, with which the Emperor has so publicly and strongly identified himself. Their inactivity excited general comment.

It is quite evident that an important part of the Cabinet does not share the Emperor's enthusiasm for the canal. Putting things together it is almost certain that if the bill fails, as there now seems small doubt, it will, so far as the violation of the Midland canal project is concerned, the Cabinet must be reorganized.

It has been confidently asserted all along by persons in the intimacy of His Majesty that in the event of the defeat of the bill, the Emperor will dissolve the Diet and appeal to the country. Even if this experiment be made, which is unlikely, the outcome is quite doubtful.

The second trial by court-martial of Captain Alfred Dreyfus at Rennes on the charge of treason excited much comment here this week, especially the attempt on the life of Maitre Labori, leading counsel for the defence, and General Mercier's so-called denunciations. The latter are not taken seriously. His statement that Germany was on the point of declaring war with France in 1914 is ridiculed. The whole German press is united on this point.

While the energy of the French government is generally commented upon favorably, doubts are expressed as to whether it is strong enough to overcome the disaffection in the army. Emperor William, on receiving the news of the attempt on the life of M. Labori during the ceremony of unveiling the monument to his grandfather at Arolsen, Monday, need strong language in denouncing the deed. He said the crime was evidently part of a regular plot. His Majesty has kept himself minutely informed of the incidents of the trial at Rennes.

WOULD NOT INTERFERE. The correspondent here of the Associated Press hears that a proposition—first made in the English press and also taken up by a number of papers here—for the mobilization of some German divisions in the hands of the German Government, calculated to expel Dreyfus beyond all doubt, was seriously broached to the Emperor and thoughtfully discussed. But he finally concluded that this would not do, and that he must adhere strictly to his system of absolute non-interference.

Later expressed the same opinion. The draft of the new German act published here is substantially as it appeared in America. The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that Germany will unquestionably ratify the work of the commission, although neither Emperor William nor Count Von Buelow is quite satisfied, considering that German interests are not adequately protected by the wording of the new act.

Several of the most serious and influential papers, including the National Zeitung and the Frankfurt Zeitung, printing strong editorials this week on the relations of Germany with the United States, vigorously re-commenced the acceptance of invitations to the Philadelphia Commercial Exhibition.

SHOT TO KILL. A Desperate Duel With Big Odds Fought in Louisiana. SHREVEPORT, La., August 19.—News has just reached here from Lake Echo of a desperate fight between Callie Brown, Robert Lee Brown and Doctor W. H. Glover on one side and G. E. Froman on the other. Froman shot and killed, with his first shot, Callie Brown and Dr. Glover fell dead. The duel occurred in Froman's store.

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All the participants in the duel were men of high standing. Froman is a relative of Sheriff Froman of Natchitoches Parish. Dr. Glover enjoyed a large practice in the community, and the

Miller & Rhoads. Many Goods at Half Price. Another Cut-Price Sale of Wash Goods and White Goods.

To-morrow will witness the beginning of cut prices in all departments. It is an imperative rule here to open every season with an entire new stock. Uncommon opportunities are presented in the Wash Goods Department and it will be to the interest of your purse to buy during our Closing Sale as the very same goods we now offer at 5c. a yard and upwards you'll have to pay 12 1/2 to 14c for in the Spring.

- White Goods. India Linen, sheer quality, was 5c.; cut price..... 3 1/2c. Striped and Checked Muslin, was 6 1/2 and 8 1/2; cut price..... 3 1/2c. Victoria Lawn, 40 inches wide, was 7c; cut price..... 4 1/2c. India Linen, very sheer, was 10c; special clear-out price..... 8 1/2c. India Linen, 40 inches wide, very sheer, was 12 1/2c; cut price..... 9 1/2c. Soft Nainsook, 36 inches wide, was 12 1/2c; clear-out price..... 7 1/2c. Victoria Lawn, 40 inches wide, was 8 1/2c; special clear out price..... 5 1/2c. Dimity, striped and checked, fine even quality, a bargain at..... 10c. Plaid Organdy, 31 inches wide, fine and sheer, was 12 1/2c; cut price..... 7 1/2c. India Linen, 40 inches wide, was 12 1/2c; cut price..... 8 1/2c. Soft Nainsook, 36 inches wide, fine sheer goods, was 17c; cut price..... 10 1/2c. Pique, warp and straight wale, was 19 and 21c; cut price..... 15c. Pique, small figures and stripes, was 20c; cut price..... 16 1/2c. Persian Lawn, 45 inches wide, was 29c; cut price..... 22c.

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Great Notion Sale.

Below we quote prices on lot of odd things in notions that must be sold out 10-MORROW. These prices will surely cause them to disappear rapidly. 10 pieces silk-knit Lisle Casing, variety of colors, now 1c. apiece. Odd lot of Hair Pins, in irreplaceable and Gilt, sold at 5c. package, now 2 packages for 1c. Nichol Safety Pins, all sizes, 2 doz. for 1c. White and colored Headings, were 5 and 6c., now 1c. a piece. Rogers' Scissors, all sizes, formerly sold at the pair, slightly rusty, now 5c. pair. 2-inch jet head Hat Pins, were 10c. doz. now 1c. dozen.

Another Wrapper Sale.

Wrappers, we have cut a wide swath in the prices of hundreds of dollars' worth of summer wrappers, preferring to sustain losses now, all of choice lawns, percales, light and dark effects, sold up to \$1.50, special to-morrow for 9c. Another special lot of fine muslins, light and dark effects, with small designs, and the boys are in trim for enthusiastic over to another season, goods actually worth \$1.25 and \$2.50, special to-morrow for \$1.45.

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Genuine Ribbon Reductions.

Stock taking shows a few items that were bought wrong. Desirable goods, but we bought too many. One half actual cost to close them quickly. 1-inch silk embroidered draw-string ruffling Ribbon, all good colors, sold for 6c. yard, special 3c. yard. 2 to 4 inch silk figured Ribbon, solid colors, was 10c. yard, now 5c. 4-inch fancy figured Wash Ribbon, good color combinations, real worth 25c. yard, special 15c. yard. 2 1/2-inch all pure silk, plain texture Ribbon, all desirable shades, worth 10c. yard, special 5c.

Blanket Sale.

Cool Nights Will Emphasize Our Extraordinary Blanket Special. We shall place on sale to-morrow morning 150 pairs of fine Wool Blankets with pink, blue, and red borders. This is actually the best Blanket bargain ever offered. Lot 1, size 80x90, weighs over 4 pounds, worth \$4. for \$2.50. Lot 2, size 80x90, weighs over 5 pounds, worth \$5. for \$3.50. Lot 3, size 80x90, weighs over 6 pounds, worth \$6. for \$3.50.

AFRO-AMERICANS.

Booker Washington Denounced at Their Convention in Chicago. CHICAGO, August 19.—The Afro-American Council resumed its session today with the committee on resolutions deep in conference and the remainder of the body awaiting the results of the committee's deliberations. Numerous resolutions were in circulation. The first of the National administration were received during the night.

It was resolved to censure Dreyfus, expressing the sympathy of the colored people for a man who has suffered much on account of race prejudice. Booker Washington was bitterly denounced by Rev. Ransom, pastor of Bethel church, in which the convention is being held and also by H. Thornton, of Cincinnati.

Booker Washington has refused to attend the session of the council. Rev. Ransom and Mr. Thornton denounced Booker Washington as a traitor and a trimmer. The resolutions denounced Lynch law, demanded better protection for the colored man at the ballot box and in labor unions, and set forth a long list of grievances.

Tramp Steamer Ashore. NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 19.—Special.—At 5 o'clock this evening the Merritt Wrecking Company were advised by 5669rap from Old Point that a tramp steamer was ashore off Chimble light, in the bay. The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Company's tug, Rescue, at 6:30 o'clock passed Lamport's Point, bound for the scene of the disaster.

Four British steamers passed Cape Henry to-day, bound in. The British steamers Strathmore, Freylon, Hexham, and an unknown, with buff funnel bearing a red star. The latter is probably the vessel which went ashore, but it is to-night impossible to ascertain with certainty just which ship it is which is ashore.

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