

**DUNCAN HEARING RESUMED.**

**COLUMBIA LAWYER'S REPUTATION ATTACKED.**

A Number of the Members of the Columbia Bar Tell Supreme Court that they would not believe Duncan Under Oath.

Columbia, July 16.—The Duncan hearing progressed all morning. When the dinner hour arrived the supreme court announced that it would not conclude the case until Solicitor General Bell Timmerman could be heard, and that he was of course not expected here today, in view of the death and funeral of his father. The court expected Mr. Timmerman to arrive here tonight, and the evidence, it was stated, would, no doubt, be taken tomorrow. All the other evidence has been taken.

There were several negro men who testified that Jeff Taylor had told them that he did the shooting for which Mr. Hunter was convicted, and for whom Duncan had been trying to get the new trial. Either these negroes are telling a series of colossal lies or there has been a miscarriage of justice in the conviction of Hunter. Duncan says that there has been a miscarriage of justice and that in his effort to vindicate Hunter there has been a "conspiracy" formed against him.

The sequel to this effort to free Hunter was the affidavits on which the new trial was sought, and which it is now claimed were, in the main, fraudulent. The chief affidavit on which the new trial was sought was that of Jeff Taylor, in which Taylor was alleged to have confessed that he did the shooting for which Hunter was convicted. Taylor swears that he made no such affidavit, and there is the rub. Mr. Washington Clark, before whom the original affidavit appears to have been signed, swears that the Jeff Taylor who appears in court is not the colored man who appeared before him, and that he never saw him in his life before.

Today another remarkable issue was raised. Mr. Duncan had a stenographer, Miss Bessie Peagle. She is now married and is Mrs. Stewart. She was unwell and has just had a serious operation. Today she appeared in the supreme court room with her husband, and it was decided to have her examined in private, with counsel present. Some time ago an affidavit was submitted signed by Mrs. Stewart describing Taylor, and particularly Hunter, and then went on to say that she (Mrs. Stewart) saw Mr. Washington Clark probate, or sign, the Jeff Taylor affidavit, and that it was signed before her or in her presence.

Several days ago Mrs. Stewart wished to modify her affidavit, and swore that the affidavit she had previously signed for Mr. Duncan had been read in part only to her, and that she did not know that Mr. Clark's name in it and that no mention was made to her of Mr. Clark when the affidavit was read to her. She says that the affidavit was read to her by Mr. Duncan, and she did not pay much attention to it at the time, as her husband was quite sick. Mr. Stewart was a witness at the time of the affidavit, and he does not appear to have paid much attention to it, but today Mrs. Stewart said that she would not have signed the affidavit at the time had she known fully what was in it.

The attorney general, Mr. Lyon, summoned about 20 members of the Columbia bar, including many of the oldest and most distinguished members of the profession here. With one accord they swore that Mr. Duncan's reputation in the community for truth and veracity was bad, and that they would not believe him on oath. Some of the number modified their statements by saying that they would not believe him on oath, where he was personally interested, and others modified this expression in various ways, but it was really pathetic to hear this testimony and to see how little apparent effect it had on the man most interested—John T. Duncan. He sat at the side of his counsel and occasionally would make a suggestion to his counsel, Col. Schumpert, but generally he said nothing. Much of his time was spent in arranging and rearranging the mass of papers he has accumulated in the case. The disposition seemed to be to say nothing and to make no cross-examination or reply, when the brother members of the bar, one after another, felt it their duty to add further testimony against their brother attorney.—News and Courier.

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Two negroes of Lancaster county had a difficulty over a cow and one shot the other in the abdomen.

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**INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES.**

**Southern Association Decides on Horizontal Advance—Rates Probably in Effect September 1.**

Louisville, Ky., July 17.—That freight rates should be advanced in the territory of the Southeastern Freight association and the Southeastern Mississippi Valley association, which take in all the territory south of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi river, was decided on at the meeting of the executive officers of all the railroad systems interested, which closed today. The advance, it is said, will be from 4 to 10 cents per 100 pounds, horizontally, to correspond with the advance decided on by the Southeastern Freight association recently. The advance was decided on after considerable opposition on the part of certain railroad executives who maintained that an advance of rates at the present time was impolitic, but the opposition was finally won over by the argument that in order to meet the various increased expenses an increase in rates was absolutely necessary. The clerical forces of the railroads interested are quartered in Louisville temporarily working out the tariffs. It is considered probable that the tariffs will not be in shape for filing before August 1, and in accordance with the requirements of the interstate commerce commission compelling rates to be filed 30 days prior to becoming effective the new rates will not be in force until Sept. 1.

**To Fight Increases.**

Indianapolis, Ind., July 17.—It was stated here today by prominent shippers that the Indiana Manufacturers' and Shippers' association will resist with persistency any attempt by the railroads to increase freight rates in Central Freight association territory. The fact that a tariff schedule representing increased rates in the Southwest Freight association territory has been filed with reliable information to the effect that the officers of the Central association are now in session in Chicago considering rates, will hasten to fruition plans which have been put on foot for a conference of representatives of the Shippers' association of practically all States of the Union. This conference, which probably will be held in Indianapolis, will take up the question of the proposed increase in rates all over the United States and will adopt plans for fighting the movement of the railroads.

The statement of C. W. Averill, of Los Angeles, that he will devote the income of the \$10,000,000 which he inherited to helping other people and that his gifts will not be to the "worthy poor" only, naturally caused comment, but this leaning toward those poor people who "can resist anything but temptation" is not unique.

**ANOTHER HEARST FAKE.**

**Gompers Denies Cabling Hearst—Did Not Ask the Editor to Support Mr. Bryan.**

Erie, Pa., July 17.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor said to a representative of the Associated Press tonight that here is absolutely no truth in the published reports that he had cabled William R. Hearst, a leader in the Independence league, urging the editor to use his influence to prevent the league from nominating its own candidate for president and to urge the league to give its support to William J. Bryan because the Democratic convention incorporated in its platform planks urged by organized labor.

"I read in the newspapers," Mr. Gompers said, "that I am credited with asking Mr. Hearst to support Mr. Bryan and that Mr. Hearst has made reply to me through the press. Now I did nothing of the kind. I don't know where the message Mr. Hearst claims to have received came from. I did not send it or any other message to Mr. Hearst."

**Charleston Liquor Dealer in Trouble With Supreme Court.**

The supreme court has ordered the arrest of J. P. Carroll of Charleston, who is charged with violating an injunction order issued by the supreme court some time ago, forbidding the illicit sale of alcoholic liquors at the place of defendant on Market street. The injunction was issued because of an affidavit presented to the court through Attorney General Lyon, charging violation of the Carey-Cothran law.

It is understood that Carroll left Charleston, announcing to his friends that he would go to Columbia for the hearing Tuesday, but he was not present at this hearing and notice was sent to Sheriff Martin of Charleston for his arrest. The notice issued Thursday means that Carroll must be produced before the November term of the supreme court.

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**CANDIDATES WANT MONEY.**

**BRYAN AND KERN ISSUE APPEAL TO FARMERS.**

The First Subscription Was Made by an Iowa Farmer, Formerly a Republican, Who Gives \$100 for Campaign Fund—Bryan on Brownsville Affair.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., July 17.—Following his declaration of yesterday to the Baltimore Sun that he had not discussed the Brownsville affair or the question of the appointment of negroes to office, W. J. Bryan today announced that he did not wish to be misunderstood. He said he did not mean to convey the impression that he had never talked about the Brownsville case in any manner, but that he had not discussed it as an issue in the present campaign. While he had not read the evidence bearing on that subject, he recalled an editorial written by him two years ago, in which he made the frank assertion, if the facts were as stated, President Roosevelt was fully justified in his course.

Visitors to the Bryan home were less numerous today than on yesterday. The principal caller was John E. Lamb, of Indiana, but he declined to make any statement as to the subject of his conversation.

Tonight Mr. Bryan went in to Lincoln to attend a masonic meeting and two hours afterwards received at his home a large delegation from the local Central Labor union.

The first appeal for campaign contributions by the Democratic candidates for the presidency and the vice presidency was issued today, directed to the farmers of the country. It is as follows:

"To the Farmers of the United States: 'The first contribution made to the Democratic campaign fund this year, so far as we know, was made by an Iowa farmer. Just before the Denver convention met this man, who modestly prefers not to have his name mentioned, journeyed more than 100 miles to Lincoln with his contribution of \$100, which he left with Mr. Bryan to be given to the committee when organized for the campaign."

"This farmer was born in Sweden and for some time after he was naturalized was a member of the Republican party. But he was a student of public questions and in the course of time became a Democrat. To manifest his deep interest in the success of the party and the triumph of Democratic principles he made this free will offering to the campaign fund."

"It is very appropriate that this first contribution should come from that great body of our population known as agriculturists. The farmer has nothing to gain by privilege and favoritism; his hope is in the application of the doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none. He has been the victim of all special legislation and has suffered from control of politics by the great predatory corporations. Now that the Democratic party has announced its determination not to accept contributions from corporations and not to accept excessive contributions even from individuals and to publish all contributions when over a reasonable minimum. It ought to be able to secure a sufficient sum from the citizens who ask from the government nothing but protection of their rights and consideration for the general welfare. There are hundreds of thousands of farmers who are abundantly able to contribute to the campaign fund. There are thousands who could give \$100 apiece without feeling it; there are ten of thousands who could give \$50 apiece without sacrifice and still more could give \$25 or \$10 or \$5."

"As the national committee has not yet been organized we will ask The Commoner to call for subscriptions to this farmers' fund. Those giving may indicate whether they are willing to have their names mentioned and if the contribution is not more than \$100 their wishes will be complied with. All contributions above \$100 must be made known, no matter from whom they come."

"The farmers' fund will be turned over to the national committee as soon as its permanent officers have been elected. Who will be the first to respond? The Denver convention was a people's convention; it adopted a strong, clear honest platform and its nominations were made with practically unanimity. Our fight is a fight for the whole people. Our aim is equal and exact justice to all; our purpose is to restore the government to the hands of the freely chosen representatives of the voters. How many farmers will join in furnishing the fund necessary to present the issue?" (Signed)

"William J. Bryan."  
"John W. Kern."

**Rev. I. W. Williams Testifies.**

\*Rev. I. W. Williams, Huntington, W. Va., testifies as follows: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble, and am free to say that Foley's Kidney Remedy will do all that you claim for it." Sibert's Drug Store.

**GIVES CLEVELAND CREDIT.**

**President Refers to His Foresight in Forest Preservation.**

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 14.—Following his action in changing the name of the San Jacinto National Forest, California, to Cleveland National Forest, in honor of the late President Cleveland, President Roosevelt has sent this letter to Mrs. Cleveland, who has returned to her home in Princeton, N. J.:

"My Dear Mrs. Cleveland: It has recently been my privilege to sign a proclamation changing the name of the San Jacinto National Forest to the Cleveland National Forest. May I express to you the very great pleasure it gave me to take that action—a pleasure mingled with a keen sense of the loss to our country and to our citizens in the death of President Cleveland. On Feb. 22, 1897, President Cleveland signed the proclamation creating the San Jacinto Forest Reserve in Southern California. The date, Feb. 22, was no mere accident, since the signing of the proclamation was timed to coincide with the birthday of our first president."

"President Cleveland was one of the first to recognize the need of forest preservation and the creation of the San Jacinto and other forest reserves, with a total area of 25,686,320 acres, was one of the results of his foresight in this direction. Throughout his life he took great interest in conserving the natural resources of the nation, and I particularly regretted his inability to attend the meeting of the governors in May, because that meeting was in part the fruit of seed he had sown years before."

"The name of Grover Cleveland will always be prominently identified with the movement to protect the forests of the United States, and it seemed to me eminently fitting that one of the forests which he created should bear his name throughout all time. Sincerely yours,

"Theodore Roosevelt."

**JUDGE TAFT HEDGES.**

**Not Willing to Announce Contributions Before Election.**

Hot Springs, Va., July 14.—Judge Taft still sticks to the announcement made when George R. Sheldon was elected treasurer of the national committee that campaign contributions will be made public, but under the New York law, which requires publication after election. Mr. Taft was informed of Mr. Bryan's action today at Lincoln in pledging the Democratic national committee to an ante-election announcement, and the action of the national committee pledging an announcement on Oct. 15 of contributions received up to that time. He was then asked:

"Will publication of campaign contributions received be made prior to the election?"

"Does the New York State law require that they shall be?" came back Mr. Taft in return. "If it does they will be published before the election. If not, well—we'll comply with the New York law, whatever that is."

Asked if he would leave this question of the publication of contributions to his manager, Mr. Taft declined to state definitely what his course would be in this regard.

**MR. GEO. A. WAGENER DEAD.**

**Well Known Charleston Business Man Passes Away After a Lingering Illness.**

Charleston, July 16.—Mr. George A. Wagener died this afternoon at about 1 o'clock, at his residence, 179 Rutledge avenue, after an illness of several months. His death is heard of with deep regret by Charleston's citizens.

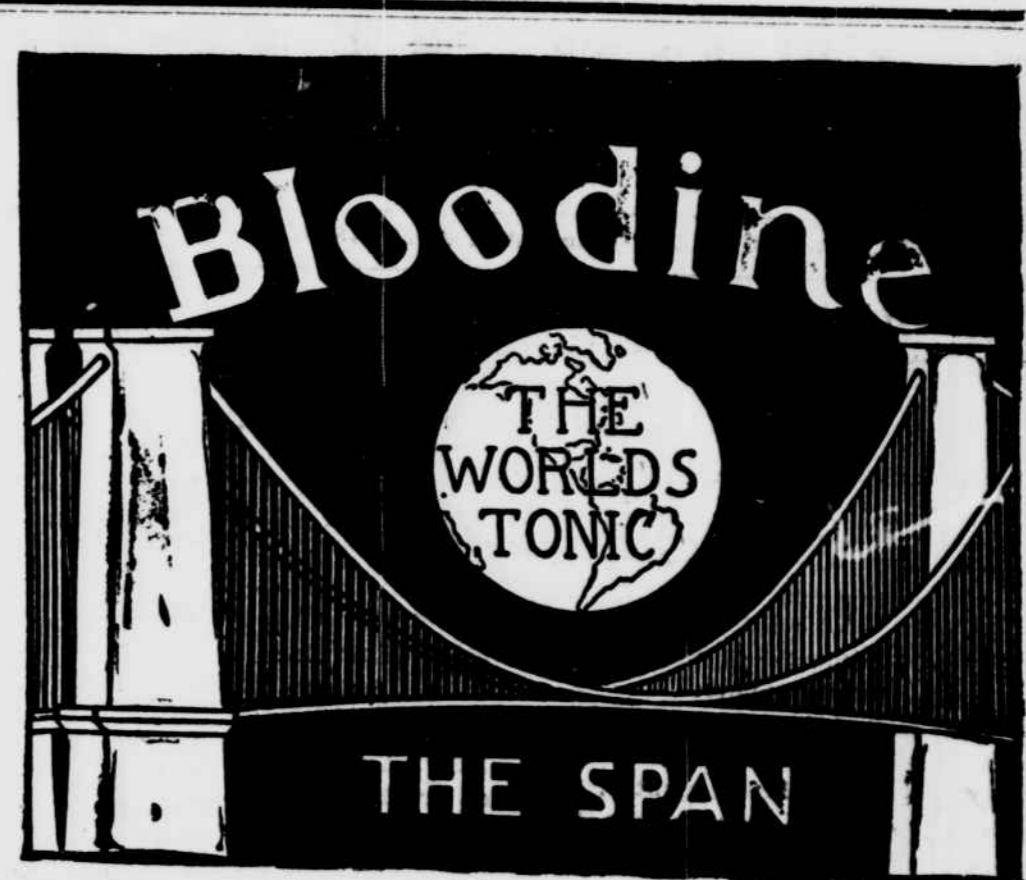
Mr. Wagener was one of Charleston's foremost business men, and interested in many of Charleston's enterprises. His health for some time had been wretched, and the end came not unexpectedly today.

He was a partner in the firm of F. W. Wagener & Co., taking a very active part in the large wholesale business of this firm. As a member of the drainage commission he devoted a good deal of his time to the good of the county. Perhaps his largest interest was in the Royal Bag and Yarn Manufacturing Co., of which he was president. It was due to his energy and business ability that this very successful manufacturing concern has been so flourishing. Mr. Wagener was also a director of the Bank of Charleston, and vice president of the Winstboro Granite Co.

**HIGH SCHOOL FOR WEDGEFIELD**

**Unanimous Vote in Favor of Higher Educational Facilities.**

Wedgefield, July 16.—The election for the establishment of a high school here yesterday passed off very quietly, all the votes being recorded in the affirmative.



of life is uncertain—it may be long or it may be short—this largely depends upon your health, and when you find the spans weakening and you feel all run down, nervous, irritable, melancholy; losing flesh; have no appetite; feel faint; cant sleep; have bad dreams; dizziness or swimming of the head; your hands and feet get cold, tingle and get numb; have pains in your side or back; brick-dust deposit in urine; have acid stomach or heartburn; feel stiff and sore across the shoulders; have shooting pains throughout the body; have to strain or a desire to urinate often, or a burning sensation when passing it, you should commence to take Bloodine to-day. Go or send to your druggist now for a bottle. Don't wait! Delays are dangerous!

Mrs. A. C. Taintor, Colchester, Conn., tells how any woman can build up their run-down system. They can be permanently cured of monthly pains and all female diseases.

Colchester, Conn., March 30, 1904. THE BLOODINE CO., Boston, Mass.: Gentlemen—Through a friend in Milford I am induced to try your Bloodine. I enclose for sample bottle. Yours truly, Mrs. A. C. Taintor.

Colchester, Conn., April 11, 1904. THE BLOODINE CO., Boston, Mass.: Gentlemen—I enclose \$2.50 for six (6) bottles of Bloodine—as I am convinced it is what I need to build me up. I saw a change for the better after taking it. We will forfeit \$1,000 if the original of the above letters proving genuineness cannot be produced. Such positive proof of the remarkable merits of Bloodine have been shown to us that we do not hesitate to guarantee every bottle we sell. Bloodine costs 50c. a bottle for the usual \$1.00 size. Mail orders filled. Large Sample Bottle by mail 10c.

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**BRYAN ON BROWNSVILLE.**

**Presidential Candidate Denies Alleged Interview on the Subject.**

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., July 16.—William Jennings Bryan does not intend to be drawn into the Brownsville case if he can help it. In all his conversations with visiting delegates and others he has carefully refrained from talking on that subject and today he put the brand of untruthfulness on an alleged statement made by Bishop Walters of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the effect that he had assured a negro delegation that he regarded President Roosevelt's action in that case as unjust.

At the same time Mr. Bryan denied another alleged interview of the bishop that he had discussed the appointment of negroes to office. These declarations were called forth by a telegram from the Baltimore Sun, inquiring as to the truthfulness of the statements said to have emanated from Bishop Walters. To the newspaper men at Fairview Mr. Bryan said that he had not and would not take up any issue not contained in the platform.

Mr. Bryan was fairly busy today. Delegates returning from the Denver convention made pilgrimages to Fairview, where they conferred with their leader about the coming campaign. Mr. Bryan impressed them all with the necessity of organizing political clubs and exerting every effort to poll the full Democratic vote in November. He believes that clubs of that character will contribute largely to Democratic success. The visitors all left with pledges of hearty support and promises to get the Democratic voters to the polls.

**THE PROHIBITION CANDIDATE.**

**Chafin of Illinois Nominated for President by the National Convention.**

Columbus, O., July 16.—For president, Eugene W. Chafin, of Illinois. For vice president, Aaron S. Watkins of Ada, Ohio.

This ticket was nominated today by the Prohibitionist national convention and both nominations were made unanimous. The full endorsement of the convention was not, however, given to Mr. Chafin until after three ballots had been taken.

On the first two ballots Mr. Chafin did not show a great amount of strength, receiving 195 out of 1,093 votes on the first and 376 out of 1,087 on the second ballot. His nomination was assured, however, when the roll call began for the third ballot. His own State, which had voted largely for Daniel R. Sheen, of Peoria, and the New York delegation, followed by those of Indiana and Wisconsin, come over to Mr. Chafin and on the third ballot he received a total of 639 votes.

The colored Methodist church in Laurens was struck by lightning and destroyed.

**HEARST'S HOT SHOT.**

**SAYS DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS DECADENT.**

He Mistrusts the Leaders and Has Lost Confidence in "Empty Professions of an Unregenerate Democracy"—Independent Ticket.

New York, July 16.—A cablegram has been received from William Randolph Hearst, in reply to a message transmitted to Mr. Hearst from Samuel Gompers stating that in view of the Democrats' stand for labor it would be "an act of greatest patriotism for the independence party to endorse the Democratic platform" and urging him not to run a third ticket, as it would elect Mr. Taft.

Mr. Hearst's cablegram follows:

Paris, July 13.

"Tell Mr. Gompers that I am not authorized to speak for the membership of the Independence league, but according to my personal standards, a purer patriotism consists in laboring to establish a new party which will be consistently devoted to the interest of the citizenship and particularly to the advantage and advancement of the producing classes. I do not think the path of patriotism lies in supporting a discredited and decadent old party, which has neither conscientious conviction nor honest intention, or in endorsing chameleon candidates, who change the color of their political opinion with every varying hue of opportunism. I do not think the best benefit of laboring men lies in supporting that old party because of a sop of false promise, when the performance of that party while in power did more to injure labor than all the injunctions ever issued before or since. I have lost faith in the empty professions of an unregenerate Democracy. I have lost confidence in the ability in the sincerity and even in the integrity of its leaders. I do not consider it patriotism to pretend to support that which, as a citizen, I distrust and detest and I earnestly hope the Independence party will give men an opportunity to vote for candidates that are both able and honest and for a declaration of principles that is both sound and sincere. (Signed) 'William Randolph Hearst.'"

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