

AN APPEAL FOR CAMPAIGN FUNDS

**Bryan Asks Democratic News-
papers to Begin Collection of
Them from Subscribers.**

MATTER OF CHAIRMANSHIP

Will Not Go to Southern Man Because Of Southerners' Attitude on Negro Question.

William S. Bryan today again occupied himself with the subject of campaign contributions and issued a statement appealing to the Democratic newspapers of the country to back the ap-

BRYAN'S STATEMENT.

"I wish every Democratic paper would begin the collection of a fund for the purchase of the Oklahoma territory. I am confident that a few Democrats who could not afford to make a small contribution and they will never be able to control the government until they take on themselves the burden of supplying campaign funds. As long as we have no money to finance a campaign the

men will keep an undue influence on the government.

It seems that we have reached the end of corporate contributions and this is a step in advance, but the individuals who are now making the checking contributions may still dominate the party by furnishing the sheens of war. The Democratic party has struck a blow at this system by providing contributions to \$10,000 and over individuals in the last election. The Republican party has so far refused to join with us on this proposition but public sentiment may force it to do so. It is to be hoped that the Democratic party will receive contributions from more individuals than ever before contributed to any party. The sum necessary to carry on the entire sum necessary should not be supplied by contributions from the masses. If every Democratic paper will take up a subscription for the campaign fund, we will soon have money enough in the treasury to provide for legitimate campaign work and that is all we want."

NEGRO VOTE.

According to Democratic leaders who

Democratic Party to secure the negro vote in Ohio will depend largely upon the attitude of Senator Foraker. So far, the negro vote has been the subject of Republican breakfasts, at least as regarded Judge Taft, the Democrats feel assured of large negro support in that state. Holding as they do the balance of the negro vote positively, the negroes, numbering 60,000 of them, the negroes in the Ohio campaign will be a most important factor. However, should Senator Foraker become reconciled and lend his aid to the negroes, the probability is that there is little probability of enrolling a sufficient number of negro voters in the cause of Democracy to effect a change of a majority. Former Ohio Attorney General C. S. McComb, Columbus, and E. H. Moore, of Youngstown, who was chairman of the last Democratic state convention in Ohio, were the only ones to take a conference with Mr. Bryan last night. Instructions to size up the situation and take every advantage of the Foraker-Taft feud.

The feeling of hopefulness with regard to Illinois is not gaining ground.

and, while that state will be carefully looked after, it has been practically abandoned to the demagogues. The middle west will be directed against Indiana and Ohio, where the leaders are counting on wresting the majority vote from the Republican column.

For several days, visitors to Fairview have kept Mr. Bryan informed of the result of the polls made by the trains. It is said that the figures presented were highly gratifying to Mr. Bryan.

CHAIRMANSHIP.

One thing is definitely settled, and that is that the chairmanship of the national committee will not go to a southern man, because of the attitude of the southerners toward the negro. It is highly probable that Mr. Ollie James, of Kentucky,

His name was prominently considered for the vacant position taken by Mr. James, some time ago. During the disfranchisement of the negro made his appointment out of the question.

NEGROSS USES PENKNIFE.

There was a row at Job Commercial street last night, in which John Kalistran, said to be quite prominent in a small Idaho town, got stabbed in the back with a penknife in the hands of a negro woman named Lucile Johnson. What the row was about, the negroes were unable to learn, but it is said that a "white" man was in the crowd, and to mixup the Idaho man was knocked down and was then pounced upon by the negroes, who used small penknives into his back. The woman was taken tomorrow morning to the hospital.

Head. Kalistran did not explain his presence in the dive, but gave the police the impression that he was there for fair quiet so that "nothing would be said about it in the papers."

AFTER MAN WITH KNIFE.

This morning several police officers were called to 66 Vine street, where it was reported there was a crazy man named George Jones, who was said to be running about the street armed with a knife. Officers Belg and Yeager made a hurried trip to the place but upon their arrival the crazier had disappeared and no trace of him could be found. It was reported in the neighborhood that Jones was very dangerous and that his mind had become unbalanced since the morning, it was stated, he showed violence.

TELEPHONE INTERESTS.

Webster City, Ia., July 20.—The state of Iowa bids fair to become the battle ground in a war between the Bell and Allied Telephone interests. As the result of the Bell company buying up independent lines in Dubuque and at other points recently, a company composed of the many independent concerns has organized a \$30,000 capital to fight the Bell monop.