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## WASHINGTON MAN BUYS THE TRIBUNE.

Organ of Republicanism Passes Into the  
Hands of W. C. MacBride—Messrs.  
Lannan and Goodwin Retire.

The Salt Lake Tribune surprised its readers very much this morning by announcing that with that issue, "its stock, good will, franchises, machinery, plant and all its appurtenances" passed from the control of its former owners into the hands of a new management.

Not one word, however, was said as to who the purchaser or purchasers are, or what the consideration was. No particulars of the transaction were forthcoming. Nor was anything said with reference to the paper's politics in the future, beyond the fact that it expects to increase its efforts under the new management in bidding for public favor and patronage, and added, "The change has come. It is immediate and radical."

Naturally such an announcement created no little speculation on the part of the public as to who the new owners are and the policy they are to pursue. The names of various capitalists, both local and outside were quickly associated with the transfer of the property. First among these was Senator Kearns, though Perry S. Henth, secretary of the Republican national committee, was mentioned as was also Senator W. A. Clark who recently bought the Salt Lake Herald.

The transaction was conducted very quietly and not a word concerning it was publicly known until the Tribune made the announcement this morning that is above referred to. The "News" at once instituted diligent inquiries and soon ascertained that the purchase had been made by and in the name of W. C. MacBride a former Washington newspaperman, who for years was press representative at the national capital for the Cincinnati Enquirer, owned and published by John R. McLean. The purchase price is said to approximate very closely around \$250,000 though none of the principals in the deal would affirm or deny the correctness of this figure. A friend of Mr. P. H. Lannan who owned and controlled the policy of the Tribune said:

"I do not know just what the figure is, but this I do know. Mr. Lannan retires with a good fortune. He is out of the newspaper business altogether. He will spend the remainder of his days in peace and quietude. As to Judge Goodwin, who has so long been the editor of the Tribune, he also, I understand, retires permanently from journalistic life. He was not recently financially interested in the paper but I learn that Mr. Lannan has done much more than the handsome thing for him in the parting, and that the amount passed through Wells Fargo's bank last night. Negotiations were concluded at 5:30 o'clock, and that the transaction embraced the Tribune with all that pertained thereto, exclusive of the building and ground upon which the plant stands."

DEAL CLOSED LAST EVENING.

Judge O. W. Powers, who has been counsel for the Tribune for years, drew the transfer document. When seen today he said he knew nothing as to the amount paid for the paper. He only knew that it was a strictly cash transaction, and that the amount passed through Wells Fargo's bank last night. Negotiations were concluded at 5:30 o'clock, and that the transaction embraced the Tribune with all that pertained thereto, exclusive of the building and ground upon which the plant stands.

SENATOR KEARNS SURPRISED.

MR. LANNAN TALKS.

A "News" man saw Mr. Lannan at his residence soon after breakfast this morning. He was somewhat reluctant to give details but said:

"Yes, the Tribune has been sold."

"Outright?"

"Yes, outright."

"And you are now out of the newspaper business?"

"I am out of the newspaper business for good and all."

"You will not start your proposed evening paper, then?"

"I will not; I tell you I am out of the publishing business from this time on."

"What about the Associated Press franchise for the proposed evening paper?"

"That has gone with the Tribune together with everything else that pertains unto it except the building in which the paper is printed and the ground upon which it stands. The new owners have a lease of the building and grounds for five years to come. What they will do after that I do not know."

"Who is the purchaser, Mr. Lannan?"

"He is Mr. W. C. MacBride, a Washington newspaperman of wide experience who represented the Cincinnati Enquirer for many years. I do not know who is back of him. I do not know that there is anyone. Personally I am of the opinion that the men whose names have been associated locally with his are not behind him."

"Who are these men?"

"That I do not care to state."

"What will be the policy of the paper?"

"It will be Republican—that much I know—vigorously Republican."

"It is stated, Mr. Lannan, that you sold quickly—that is, that the deal was consummated in very short order yesterday afternoon?"

"Yes and no—we closed the matter up in short order when we got together, though the matter has been hanging fire for at least ten months. At that time Mr. MacBride named a figure and I said no. After that he named other figures and I said no. Then he came to Salt Lake four weeks ago and I told him I was ready to talk. He

came back again and we talked and soon arrived at an understanding."

Mr. Lannan continuing said that Salt Lake would be his home in the future as it had been in the past, and that he had some interests here and in Idaho that needed looking after. He had land and a big ditch in the latter state which required managing and he intimated that he would look after that management himself.

PURCHASER NOT COMMUNICATIVE.

Mr. MacBride, the purchaser of the Tribune, was found at the Knutsford today with Colonel Michael Shaughnessy. Being an old newspaper man, he naturally concluded that he might be counted upon to make a talk. In this, however, the reporter was much mistaken. Mr. MacBride is a man well along in years, of round proportions, about five feet six in height and possessing a wealth of gray hair. "The 'News' man he said:

"It is true that I am an old newspaper man. But I cannot—really I cannot tell you anything about it at all. What I have to say will say through the columns of the Tribune itself."

"Then you have nothing for me?"

"Nothing whatever."

"What about the paper's policy under the new management?"

"Oh, it will be Republican—Republican out and out."

"How will it stand on the so-called 'Mormon' question?"

"My mission will be to proclaim Republicanism. It has no fight or quarrel with anybody."

"Who is to be the new editor?"

"It has been intimated that you will occupy that position yourself; will you?"

"I prefer to print that myself."

Mr. MacBride declined absolutely to say who, if anybody, was associated with him in the purchase of the paper.

THE TRIBUNE'S CAREER.

Paper Had Its Origin in the Valley Tan, Followed by the Vedette.

The Salt Lake Tribune was the outgrowth of a number of papers which braved the storms of journalistic strife for various brief periods and then succumbed to the inevitable. Its ancestry can undoubtedly be traced to the Valley Tan, which was succeeded by the Vedette. Then came the "Mormon" Tribune, which was the real parent of the present paper.

The first issue of the Salt Lake Tribune appeared April 15th, 1871. The publishers were W. B. Goebel and E. L. T. Harrison. The latter was a business manager and Oscar G. Sawyer, at one time connected with the New York Herald staff, was the editor. Later the latter had as associates George W. Crouch and W. T. Tulledge and a Mr. Slocum, a California spiritualist. Trouble followed and Mr. T. Perris became manager of both the editorial and business departments.

Then the Tribune went into the hands of another manager, George P. Prescott, a Mr. Hamilton and Fred Lockley, of Kansas. On September 9, 1883, the paper went into the control of Mr. P. H. Lannan and Judge C. C. Goodwin and Mrs. O. J. Hollister. It is said that the paper was purchased by or for, in large measure, John W. Mackey, the well known cable and telephone promoter, who in the sixties, became well acquainted with Messrs. Lannan and Goodwin in Nevada, where the Comstock properties were in the hey-day of prosperity. Whatever interest Mr. Mackey had in the enterprise was later purchased by Mr. Lannan.

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Says He is a Miner and Not an Editor—Ignorant of Sale.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Senator Kearns was seen this morning by the "News" correspondent relative to the rumor that he had purchased the Salt Lake Tribune. He seemed very much surprised that his name should in any way be connected with the sale of that property.

He at first said, "Well, this is news to me. Indeed, I am a miner, not an editor; nor do I desire to become one."

And then after some moments of silence he said very slowly and deliberately: "You may say that I have not purchased any newspaper."

It is, nevertheless, thought by those who should know that the senator knows more about the sale of that paper than he cares to disclose.

NEWS TO TRIBUNE STAFF.

Writers Generally Unaware of Deal Until This Morning.

Probably there was no one as much surprised over the announcement of the sale of the Tribune as the writers on that paper. It appears that no man aside from Mr. Lannan, Judge Goodwin and the editor, Colonel Nelson, the managing editor, and possibly the proof reader, who knew anything of the transaction, until this morning, when they picked up the paper and read the double headed announcement on the editorial page.

It is said that Mr. MacBride intends putting new blood into the personnel of the paper and that several eastern reporters will be brought here. This may and may not be true. A visit to the editorial rooms of the paper this afternoon disclosed the fact that the only man absent from the staff this far was Judge Goodwin. The editorial work for tomorrow's issue was being done by Colonel Nelson, who has been managing editor of the Tribune for so many years, while the local work was being directed by City Editor John Cain, with the same staff of reporters as usual.

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## SET A TRAP FOR HIM.

How John D. France Fell Into the Law's Net.

Last Tuesday evening Detectives Sheets and Janney arrested John D. France, a negro, on the charge of grand larceny. The man is now in jail accused of stealing from the Manning mill at Mercur about \$500 worth of cyanide and some other valuable property.

The officers have been working on the case for several days and only succeeded in completing the case late this afternoon. The theft of the cyanide was reported to the police several days ago and they at once laid plans to apprehend the thief. On Tuesday evening France was arrested and spent the night in jail. Later he was liberated and that is where he fell firmly into the clutches of the law. The detectives set a trap for him and unsuspectingly he fell into it. He tried to dispose of the stolen property at \$10 per pound. He had 32 pounds of it. When he went to deliver the goods he was promptly nabbed and hauled off to jail.

He will probably have a hearing on the charge of grand larceny tomorrow.

LUCERN SEED LOSS.

It Was Heavy at Abraham, Millard County, This Year.

Mr. Charles Wilken, who formerly resided in this city, but who has cast his future with the town of Abraham, Millard county, and who has been here to attend conference and transact business, returned to that place this morning. In conversation with a representative of the "News" Mr. Wilken stated that the lucern seed crop down there this year was almost a total failure on account of the dry hot winds that withered the blossoms at a critical period in their development. The lucern hay crop, however, he reports as being fair, it selling at \$7 a ton. Enough wheat has probably been raised to carry the people through the winter, but no more. Prospects for the future, says Mr. Wilken, are better than heretofore. Water troubles have been settled and more colonists are wanted. The town has forty or fifty families and a good school. Most of the residences are brick and adobe, and very creditable.

MRS. FILLERUP DIES.

Resident of Vineyard the Victim of Cancer of the Stomach.

(Special to the "News.")

Provo, Oct. 18.—Mrs. Caroline Fillerup, wife of A. P. Fillerup, of Vineyard, died this morning from cancer of the stomach. She was born fifty-nine years ago in Denmark, embraced the "Mormon" faith and emigrated to Utah with her husband in 1899. Her residence has been in Lake View most of the time since. She leaves a husband and nine children to grieve her loss together with a host of warm friends who loved her for the goodness and nobility of her character.

REVOLVER ACCIDENT.

Thomas Sabey, of Vernal, Drops Gun And Shot in Groin.

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Price, Utah, Oct. 18.—Thomas Sabey, of Vernal, was accidentally shot and seriously wounded yesterday afternoon a few miles from Vernal while carrying water to his camp in the mountains.

His revolver fell out of his holster struck a rock and the bullet penetrated the groin, making a most serious wound. The stout stevedore from Fort Duchesne is attending him. Sabey is an old settler in that part of the country and a man who has freighted along the Price and Vernal roads for years.

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Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 18.—The governor, Sir Augustus Hemming, has received official dispatches from the British agent at Bogota de Toro, for this government and for the British government, asking protection for life and property, and also demanding compensation for lives and property destroyed by the Colombian forces.

Minstead Wins Middle Park Plate.

London, Oct. 18.—Lord Harewood's Minstead won the Middle Park plate, the blue ribbon of the two-year-olds, at Newmarket today. R. Forrest Tod's Czar was second and J. Gubbins' Port Blair, ridden by Clem Jenkins, came in third.

Crown Equerry, ridden by Jenkins, won a mile selling stakes.

Anarchist Quintavella Imprisoned.

London, Oct. 18.—A dispatch received here from Rome says that Salvatore Quintavella, the anarchist who returned from the United States with Brecht, the assassin of King Humbert, has been committed to prison by the court at Porto Porrajio, island of Elba, on the charge of being an accomplice of Brecht.

Fought a Harmless Duel.

Milan, Oct. 18.—A remarkable duel with sabres has taken place near Leghorn between Lieut. Rivarola of the artillery, and Signor Ferrini. They fought 72 rounds, although actually slaying and thrusting at one another for an hour and forty minutes, they both escaped with slight cuts.

Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The President has appointed the following postmasters:

Frank W. Swanton at Nome, Alaska; Velle A. Velleau, Wailuku, Hawaii; Ellen M. Wade, Mullin, Idaho.

McCaine's Slayer Captured.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 18.—Patrick F. Hayes, who shot and killed William McCaine, last Saturday, was captured yesterday near Elk Park canyon, about fifteen miles from here, and brought to this city early this morning. He refuses to say a word concerning the shooting, and will not even admit that he is the man wanted. His identity, however, has been proven without a doubt. He appears sick and is reportedly worn out from his endeavors to escape from justice.

Cashier Disappears.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The comptroller of the currency is in receipt of a telegram from the president of the National Bank of Boyertown, Pa., that the bank has closed its doors on account of the disappearance of the cashier, James B. McDaniel, national bank examiner, has been appointed temporary receiver.

The bank's sworn report to the comptroller of the currency on September 20, 1901, showed its capital to be \$100,000, surplus and undivided profits \$160,712, and deposits \$412,215.

The comptroller has no information as to the amount of defalcation, if any.

## FOUR DIVORCES GRANTED TODAY.

Judge W. C. Hall Grants a Decree To His Namesake.

INCIDENT WAS HUMOROUS.

Both Were "William" and Defendant Had the Same Initials as the Court—News of the Courts.

Judge Hall granted four decrees of divorce today. There was considerable mirth caused over the granting of the second decree. The case was entitled Annie S. Hall vs. W. C. Hall. The court's initials also happen to be W. C., so he asked for a more definite nomenclature.

"William C. Hall," was the response, and this happens to be how Judge Hall signs his name.

"What is the middle name?" queried the court.

"Cook,"

"Well, I guess you can make out the decree with the name as 'W. C. Hall,'" concluded the court.

It would never do for the public prints to cast a suspicion that the court was granting himself divorce.

The decree was granted on the ground of non-support, and plaintiff was given the custody of her child.

Gertrude Lloyd was granted a divorce on similar grounds from Wm. A. Lloyd, New York, the general demurrer to the complaint was sustained and the plaintiffs were given twenty days in which to file an amended complaint.

In the James H. Bacon bankruptcy case the general demurrer to the petition to vacate was overruled except in one particular, and the plaintiff is ordered to file new petition on or before next rule day.

In the damage case of Johnson vs. the Southern Pacific the motion of the plaintiff was denied.

FEDERAL COURT.

Judge Marshall Disposes of Several Cases at Law.

The bill of exceptions filed against the defendant's answer in No. 10 of the Ogden Water Works company vs. Ogden City, came up in the Federal court this morning. Judge Marshall allowing the first five exceptions and not allowing the sixth. The defendant was required to file another answer by next rule day.

The accounts of the court clerk were approved.

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