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A FAMILY POISONED

One Child Dead and Another Dying.

HELLISH DEED NEAR OREGON CITY

Strychnine Found in a Barrel of Water Used by the Hellmans, Near Damascus.

OREGON CITY, June 30.—The family of John Hellman, a German farmer residing about two miles easterly from Damascus, was poisoned yesterday under circumstances that indicate a dastardly crime has been committed.

Sunday evening Mr. Hellman, as is his custom, drew a barrel of water from a spring to the house for family use. Monday morning he rose early, took a drink of water and went to the barn to do his chores. An attack of nausea soon emptied his stomach, and that was followed by severe cramps that compelled him to give up the work he had promised to do that day for a neighbor. Mrs. Hellman took water from the barrel to cook breakfast, and during the preparation of the meal a 22-months-old boy that was toddling about asked for and received a piece of a pancake freshly baked, which he ate. Soon afterward he was seized with vomiting and severe pains, as his father had been a short time before. At breakfast the father drank only a cup of coffee, after which he seemed to feel slightly better. The mother also sipped a little coffee and partook of nothing else. The four other children ate their meal as usual, and soon afterward they manifested the same symptoms their father and little brother had shown.

Up to this time Mr. and Mrs. Hellman did not suspect what the trouble was or that anything very serious was the matter, for the family had had similar attacks at three different times during the past year, and they were attributed to changes of weather or food. But this time, instead of improving after the first sharp illness, the baby grew worse, and toward noon a message was sent to a neighbor to go for a doctor. Before the neighbor, Mr. Bohna, could get his team ready and leave for the doctor, the little fellow went into spasms and died. The condition of the other children was also alarming, and Dr. Hickman, of Clackamas, was hastily summoned. He saw at once that it was a case of poisoning, and a cursory examination of the water barrel showed him there was the source of mischief, for the insoluble crystals of strychnine were plainly visible in the barrel, and in such quantity that when it was upset the alkaloid showed in the trail of the water. An ounce vial that had contained the strychnine was found nearby. The doctor gave the patients treatment in accordance with his discovery, and three of the children are deemed to be out of danger—three girls. The eldest child, a 12-year-old boy, at last accounts was thought to be dying.

COCKRELL IS FOR BLAND.

He is Willing, However, to Support Any Silver Candidate.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Senator Cockrell was among today's arrivals. He is a delegate to the national Democratic convention, and is here to attend the silver conference.

"We shall nominate a straight silver man on an unequivocal silver declaration in the platform," he said, when asked for an expression of his views. "I am, of course, for Bland," he continued, "and our delegation is instructed for him, but if we cannot get him we shall get some other man who is sound on the currency question, and Missouri will support him at the polls. Mr. Bland is a safe, practical man, and if elected would be entirely reliable as

president. There can be no doubts on that score. I have not, however, devoted myself to finding presidential material, as I have been making sure of a silver majority in the convention. That assured, we shall have but little difficulty in finding an available man for president."

The senator thinks the financial question will be made the paramount issue in the platform, and that there will be a square declaration for the mintage of silver on terms of equality with gold at 16 to 1, and without awaiting the co-operation of other nations. He laughs at Mr. Whitney's suggestion of a compromise, and says it will not be entertained. He does not believe an unequivocal silver plank will drive many Eastern men out of the party, and argues that, on the contrary, it will bring many votes to the party that cannot be caught in any other way.

"We shall gain immensely in the West," he said, "and we shall not lose in the East. The people have not yet come to a full realization of the strength of the silver movement. It will sweep the country at the polls as it has swept the Democratic party at the primaries."

Senator Cockrell does not consider that there is any danger of a bolt by the New York or Eastern delegates.

Senator Stewart Interviewed.

DENVER, June 29.—A special to the News from Washington gives an interview with Senator Stewart, of Nevada. It is in part as follows:

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"Could the Democrats afford to nominate Teller?"

"I think they can afford to nominate a man who will insure success. I think they can afford to have success."

"Will the Populists support Mr. Teller?"

"Certainly. The Populists could vote for Mr. Teller. Mr. Teller has done recently what the Populists did long ago. He has left his party because he believed his party was against the country."

Troops After the Apaches.

TUCSON, Ariz., June 30.—A special to the Star from Tombstone says that United States troops under Lieutenants Averill and Yates surprised an Apache camp in Sonora about 40 miles below the line. The Indians were evidently informed by a scout of the presence of the troops, as all made their escape except a 10-year old boy, who was captured along with camp outfit. The troops co-operating with a force of ex-Mexican cavalry, are still in pursuit of the disbanded renegades.

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