

# DOCTORS PUZZLED

## Month Old Infant Remains in a Comatose State.

Physicians are puzzled over the case of the infant daughter of Mr. Hickey, who resides at Montavilla and is employed as a yardman by the Southern Pacific Company. The child is just about four weeks of age and is continually doing. All eyes have proved futile. No cries of pain are ever heard, and the only method by which it can be nourished is by force. For the past four days the parents have been unable to even awaken the infant, and it has apparently been asleep all the time. A number of leading physicians have studied the case, but all their efforts to find the cause of the peculiarity have proved unavailing. Several local medical men say it is the most mystifying case that has come under their notice.

# TWINS BORN SIX WEEKS APART

EL PASO, Tex., July 22.—Physicians are greatly interested in the remarkable case of a Mexican woman of El Paso, the mother of twin boys, one being born six weeks after the other. A striking parallel to this strange case is that of the birth of twins to Queen Anne of Austria. The first born became Louis XIV. The second child was not born till some time later. He was imprisoned for most of his life in a castle, where he finally died, and was the hero of Dumas' story of "The Man With the Iron Mask."

# SOUTHERN PACIFIC Starts to Drive Private Car Companies Out of Business.

FORT WORTH, Tex., July 22.—Today's inauguration of a weekly refrigerator car service on the main line of the Southern Pacific and of the Houston & Texas Central road marks a radical departure in the traffic methods of the Southern Pacific. The cars used are of the latest pattern and the company will operate them between all main line points and Fort Worth, Dennison, Sherman, Ennis, Hearne and Houston. The new service is believed to be the entering wedge in a movement by the Southern Pacific to drive private car companies out of the business so far as the lines of the Southern Pacific is concerned.

# WOMAN SHOT FROM AMBUSH

CASEVILLE, Ky., July 22.—While rowing on the Ohio River with several friends, a few miles below this place, Mrs. Samuel Sturgis, the wife of Captain Sturgis, a well-known mine operator of Union County, was shot and killed by an unknown person who fired from the bank of the river. No arrests have been made.

# JIM HAM. TO BOOM CLARK

"Dude" Lewis is Press Agent for Clark of Montana.

BUTTE, Mont., July 22.—Col. James Hamilton Lewis, of Seattle, was recently in Butte on his way home from New York, where he has been in consultation with the sugar trust people concerning the Western beet sugar industries. Col. Lewis has been in several Democratic conferences in Washington and says there is a very general sentiment in favor of Vice-president and he believes the ticket will be headed by Hill or Oney.

# SMALL GIRL'S SWIMMING FEAT

NEW YORK, July 22.—Florence West, a 15-year-old girl, swam from Hamilton to South Beach, Staten Island, more than three miles, in one hour and 15 minutes. The girl comes from a family of swimmers.

# 'ZOURI DEMOCRATS IN SESSION

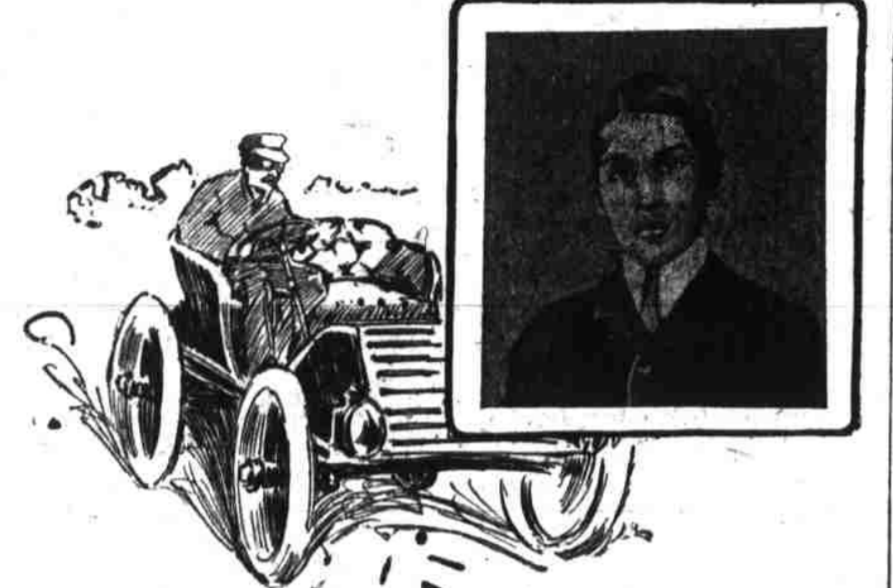
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 22.—Seven hundred delegates and twice as many visitors filled the Lyceum Theater today when the Democratic state convention was rapped to order by James M. Siebert, chairman of the state committee. Among the visitors were large delegations representing the Jefferson Club of St. Louis, the Jackson Club of Kansas City and the Democratic organizations in other parts of the state. Occupying seats on the stage were Governor Dockery, Secretary of State Cook, Hon. William J. Stone and other Democrats prominent in the councils of the party. Rousing speeches by several of these leaders occupied the opening hours of the convention. After the usual routine business had been disposed of a recess was taken.

# SHE CARRIED A DEAD BABY

## Pitiful Story of a Patient Mother's Trials.

MILES CITY, Mont., July 22.—Mrs. Laura Redding, almost destitute, walked from her home, two miles from town, to Miles, carrying her baby, in order that Dr. Hollister might determine the nature of the child's illness. "What do you think is the matter with my baby?" asked the woman, anxiously.

# A BOY'S AUTOMOBILE TRIP.



A thousand-mile automobile journey is still a feat, no matter what it may become in the future. When a 14-year-old lad attempts to make such a journey it is still more of a feat. James McConnell, aged 14, whose father is S. P. McConnell, vice president of the Fuller Construction Company, is the first lad to run his automobile from Chicago to New York.

to permit the committees on nominations, resolutions, etc., to prepare their reports. Though the nominations to be made are only for minor state offices to be filled at the fall election, the convention is regarded, nevertheless, as of extraordinary importance. W. B. Carrington will be renominated for State Superintendent of Public Instruction; but there will be a spirited contest for State Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, active canvasses being made by several aspirants. But it is not in the nominations that the interest centers. Nor is it in the platform, for the resolutions undoubtedly will follow closely those recently adopted at the Springfield convention. The old party leaders have an eye single on the organization of the new state committee and the selection of a chairman to succeed Mr. Siebert. Between the so-called state machine and its enemies it is a war to the death for the control of the committee and it is in the result of this contest that centers the interest of politicians of both parties throughout the state.

A hasty glance sufficed the doctor, and he replied: "My poor woman, your baby is dead." Tears filled her eyes and the doctor was moved by her grief. The intense heat killed the baby.

# TEXANS IN CAMP

AUSTIN, Tex., July 22.—From all indications the encampment of the Texas Volunteers Guard which opened today will be the most successful in the history of the organization. Within an hour after Major-General Stacy had raised his flag at Camp Mabry this morning the men had their tents pitched and the routine of camp life was in full swing, the same as if the young soldiers had been old veterans. While military instructions is the primary purpose of the encampment and the maintenance of rigid discipline one of the cardinal features of the program the soldiers are to have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the pleasant features of camp life. The sanitary arrangements are excellent and nothing has been left undone by those in charge to make the encampment a notable success.

# SOUTHERN FIREMEN

RALEIGH, N. C., July 22.—This city is gay with flags and bunting in honor of the members of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, whose annual meeting and tournament is in progress. The attendance is of record-breaking proportions, nearly every part of the state being represented. The three days' program provides for an interesting series of races, drills, athletic contests and other features of interest.

# WOOL GROWERS IN MONTANA

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 22.—The North Montana Woolgrowers' Association is holding its second annual meeting in this city with a large attendance of prominent growers from the six great woolgrowing counties of Northern Montana. Colonel J. H. Rice of Benton is the presiding officer. A two days' program has been arranged calling for papers and discussions on numerous questions of interest and importance to those engaged in the industry.

# MASTER PAINTERS

TOLEDO, O., July 22.—About 300 members of the Ohio Master Painters and Decorators' Association are attending the annual convention of the organization. The business sessions were commenced in Memorial Hall today and will continue until Friday. The local association has arranged an interesting program for the guests after the business sessions and trips to the lake and to resorts near the city will be enjoyed.

# RAILROAD MEN MEET.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 22.—More than 500 prominent railroad officials, many of whom are accompanied by their wives and families, are attending the sixth annual convention of the National Association of Railway Agents in session here. While there is some business to be attended to the convention is largely of a social nature and during the week there will be pleasure trips to Lake Minnetonka, Fort Snelling, Minneapolis Falls and other places of interest in the vicinity of Minneapolis.

# GOLDEN BALLAST

## Southern Pacific Uses Nuggets for Track Work—A Strange Metal.

GRANTS PASS, July 22.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is ballasting a portion of its track in Southern Oregon with auriferous placer gravel that is rich in gold dust and nuggets. There are not many railroad lines that can afford to ballast their track with gravel that is worth \$100 per ton; but this is what the Southern Pacific is doing. They are taking out many train loads of gravel daily from their gravel pits near Gold Hill, a few miles east of here, to ballast their road in this section. This gravel pit occupies the bed of an old channel or ancient river bed, and is a placer field that more than one miner would like to possess to work with pipe and giant. A number of the workmen engaged at the gravel pit have picked up nuggets of from \$10 to \$20 value. One man took a bucket full of the gravel home and panned it out, securing \$2.50 in gold dust for his trouble. So soon as it became known that there was gold in the gravel of the pit, miners went there in considerable numbers and began cradling out the gold in the old-fashioned way, finding it to be a lucrative business; but the company has put a stop to this and only the nuggets that are accidentally picked up by the workmen are saved. The Southern Pacific are ballasting their track, not mining.

Doctor David Day, a mineralogist of New York, and a member of the United States Geological Survey, is in Josephine County for the purpose of making an investigation of the placer deposits of this section, especially in the Illinois district of the western part of the county where the principal strikes have been made. Doctor Day was led here mainly to investigate the unknown metal, locally called "Josephinite," which has been found in quantity in the placers of the Illinois. He believes that the metal is one of the platinum groups and feels confident that he will be able to identify the strange metal. Mr. Day's visit here has stimulated the already growing interest being taken in the metal platinum. He says the prospects for the metal being mined here permanently are very bright, and believes that Josephine County will become an important producer of the metal.

# BALLOON LIFE-SAVER.

## Weights Only Six Ounces and Is Wanted Not to Let You Drown.

NEW YORK, July 22.—A military looking man, commonly dressed, leaped into the big swimming tank at the New York Athletic Club before a company of members and their wives. Tied around him, under his arms, was a tape to which was attached something that looked like an ordinary leather cigar case. He sank to the bottom and made an effort to reach the surface. Suddenly the spectators saw the cigar case expand and in a few seconds it developed into a balloon of the thinnest silk, which floated him to the surface in a twinkling. The diver was Lieutenant George Irsey de Lara, an officer of the Austrian Army, and he was exhibiting his life-saving device which had been adopted by the armies and navies of Austria, Russia and Germany. The apparatus weighs six ounces. Inside the leather case is some secret chemical compound that generates gas the moment it is moistened. Affixed to the outside of the case is the balloon, with its neck inside where the gas comes from. Presto! In eight seconds the balloon's big enough to float any person to the surface who wears one. The Lieutenant has given exhibitions all over Europe and is here on leave to introduce his invention.

# OVER THE FALLS.

Young, Well-Dressed and Good-Looking Girl Commits Suicide.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 22.—Nina A. Phillips, 23, educated, good looking and well dressed, committed suicide by jumping into the rapids on the American side from Goat Island bridge. Her body was swept over the falls. She left her hat, gloves and pocketbook on the ground.

# WOMEN SCRAPPERS

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga., July 22.—Four negro women engaged in a fight with razors at the door of a church here, in which Dollie Miller was cut to death and Rachel Roberts was seriously wounded. Jealousy was the cause of the fight.

# OVER THE WIRES.

BERLIN.—Emperor William will confer decorations on about 300 Americans who came in contact with Prince Henry on his recent visit.

# Mussolino Badly Faded.

A comparison is made between Tracy, the Western desperado, and Mussolino, the famous brigand in one of Alexander Dumas' novels, who evaded capture for many years, leaving a trail of blood as he went. But Dumas' hero did not have to contend with the telegraph, the telephone or even the locomotive or the steamboat—all of which agencies are called into service in running down the modern desperado, as well as the bloodhounds of Dumas' day. The criminal who plays a lone hand against the lightning iron horse, the bloodhound, the long-range repeating rifle and the police organization of several states banded for his destruction must show more mettle than Dumas ever dreamed of to prolong his days of liberty as did Mussolino. St. Paul Pioneer Press.

# Now is the Time

GREENSBURG, Pa.—S. Byers, Democratic nominee for Congress, has been arrested on a charge of the theft of \$250,000.

# MURDER BY A FEMALE FIEND

## A Hungarian Woman's Mad Lust for Blood.

VIENNA, July 22.—A shocking murder by a woman is reported from Buda-Pesth. A jeweler named Erdelyi, 50 years of age, called upon by Esther Petroff to demand payment of an installment due on goods she had purchased. The woman, who is 28 years old and of powerful physique, threw herself upon the jeweler and after a desperate struggle threw him on a bed where she strangled him with her hands. Not content with this she literally hacked him to pieces with a large knife, and then, wrapping the remains in a shawl, placed them in her child's perambulator and conveyed them outside the town, finally depositing them in a deserted building, after which she returned home. The murderer was arrested through the instrumentality of a child 3 years of age, who had witnessed the crime from an opposite window.

# THE COWBOY.

## The Original Type is Fast Passing into Oblivion.

The cowboy is a character that is passing away, and it is well to have a true type of his personality fixed in literature before he leaves us forever. "In our more cultured state it is hard for us to comprehend the rapid change, the overwhelming predominance of, now the good, now the bad, in such a character as the old-time cowboy. The harshness and the softness, the roughness of the exterior and the sudden revelation of a tenderness of heart that seems incredible, the fixedness of purpose, the determination, independent decision and rapidity of action—all I have found in the rangeman, and in no other type in the whole course of my experience. You, too, have perceived this."

He goes on to testify to the fidelity with which Miss McElrath has drawn her hero, Jim, and speaks of his sudden lapses into outlawry when jilted, as follows: "Right or wrong, Jim was brave and self-reliant; he asks no favors, and, according to his lights, he acted the man. He fought in the open, was chivalrous, and true to the death of his friends. And that, finally— "The nobler nature within him stirred. To life at the woman's deed and word, was a fit and faithful ending for such a man."—From the Rustler.

# REAL NICE JAIL.

## Steak and Pie for Dinner and Jelly for the Asking—A Rush Feared.

Probably the only public protest ever placed on record against a jailer for feeding his prisoners too well is on file in the Commissioner's Court of this county. The document charges that Sheriff Bray, out of "mistaken kindness, and to the detriment of the public, is inviting tramps and other vagrants into Hamilton County by reason of the meals he serves to the prisoners in the jail," and invites the Commissioners to take steps to have the quantity and quality of the food reduced.

Outside of the record it is said that petty offenses against the peace and dignity of the state have been committed in Noblesville and throughout Hamilton County for the sole purpose of getting into jail to enjoy the Sheriff's hospitality and that so widespread is his reputation for kindness and that of his wife for cooking that hundreds of "Weary Willies" are traveling night and day to reach the jail before the strawberry season is over.

When attention was first called to the meals served in the jail some of the citizens went to the Sheriff's office out of curiosity to look into the matter. Among them was the Rev. B. S. Hollopeter, president of the County Board of Charities. He declares that the meals served to the prisoners are better than those to be found on the average home tables of Noblesville and that, while prison fare is supposed to be in the nature of a punishment, Sheriff Bray has turned it into a continuous banquet, so that life in jail in Hamilton County is one unalloyed pleasure, the prisoners entering with delight in anticipation of the things in store for them and leaving with a reluctance which inclines to some other petty crime that they may be returned to jail again.—Indianapolis Sun.

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# JOHNSON'S BOOM

## He Plans to Go Hunting for Western Democratic Votes.

CLEVELAND, O., July 22.—Mayor Johnson will ask the Democrats of the country for the residential nomination in 1904. The Mayor has quietly informed a friend from Colorado that he would make a tour of that state and probably several of the other Western states, making a few platform talks. The Johnson boom for the Presidential nomination got increased momentum yesterday afternoon, when a former Populist, ex-Congressman Lafe Pence of Denver, arrived in the city for a few days' visit. He was not in the city five minutes before he started in search of Mayor Johnson. Mr. Pence and Mayor Johnson were chums in the 54th Congress. They chatted for an hour in the Mayor's private office at the City Hall yesterday afternoon over the outlook for the Mayor's nomination for the Presidency.

# KILLED BY A ROOSTER'S SPUR

TRENTON, N. J., July 22.—The death of James W. Carroll, 58, of Lambertville, is attributed to an attack by a rooster. While handling chickens he was spurred on the hand by a fowl, the wound being on a vein. The hand swelled greatly. He went into the house and, lying on the floor, expired instantly.

# BALFOUR IS A FRIEND TO THE UNITED STATES

LONDON, July 15.—"Right Hon. Arthur Balfour is the staunchest friend the United States has among British politicians," says an American who enjoys intimate relations with the new Premier. "While the Anglo-American rapprochement, which has been steadily growing during the past four years, has been attributed to Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour has been the real instigator of Great Britain's policy in that direction. He has always been in advance of his colleagues in advocating a warm and close understanding with the United States."

Conservatives of the old school are glad on account of Mr. Balfour's promotion. They have long feared Chamberlain's aggressive statesmanship contained the elements of Conservative disruption. Liberals find cause for rejoicing in similar reflections, asserting that the country and the cause of international peace may be devoutly thankful to have escaped Chamberlain's Premiership.

# MONUMENT ERECTED TO FAMOUS REBEL GENERAL

ATLANTA, Ga., July 22.—On the spot where General William H. T. Walker, the famous Confederate leader, met his death in the battle of Atlanta just 33 years ago, a handsome monument in honor of his memory was unveiled today. The unveiling exercises, though very simple, were extremely impressive and were participated in by Confederate veterans from many parts of the state. A number of Union veterans were also among the invited guests. The guests were conveyed to the site of the battlefield in carriages. They included General O. O. Howard, Congressman Livingston, the family of General Walker and various Confederate organizations. Arriving at the monument the exercises were begun with prayer and music appropriate to the occasion. Hon. Julius L. Brown, president of the W. H. T. Walker Monument Association, delivered the presentation address and the reply was made by Major Joseph B. Cumming of Augusta. The monument was unveiled by the 8-year-old grandchild of General Walker.

The main shaft of the monument is composed of a big 32-pound gun. The gun stands on end, resting on four blocks of marble bearing appropriate inscriptions. An iron fence surrounds the monument and four smaller guns, relics of the Civil War, are used as corner posts.

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