

## BABY RULER MAY BE KILLED

**Pekin-Kaiwan Railroad Has Been Abandoned and Grave Fears Are Felt for Safety of Infant Ruler of Monarchy.**

TOKIO, Nov. 11.—Gravest fears for the safety of the Chinese baby emperor are felt in official circles here as the result of Pekin cables telling of the abandonment of the Pekin-Kaiwan railroad. If the infant monarch has not already fled it is feared his life probably will be sacrificed during the rebel attack upon Pekin, which now is only a question of hours. The Manchus are expected to resist desperately and, should the rebels win, it is believed to be almost certain that the streets of the Forbidden City will be the scene of a general massacre of the imperialists.

The anarchy which today reigns throughout China is affecting even the treaty ports. Their waters swarm with pirates and even foreign shipping is unsafe. Scores of native craft have been plundered by the pirates and their crews butchered.

## DIRECT VOTE ON ELECTORS WANTED

**Chairman of Progressive Republican Campaign Committee Asks All Legislators Throughout Country to Take Matter Up and Urge Action.**

Urging the holding of presidential primaries wherever possible, Walter Houser, chairman of the progressive republican campaign committee, mailed today a letter to all governors, lieutenant governors and speakers of legislatures throughout the country.

Houser quotes the resolutions adopted at the recent progressive conference in Chicago demanding a direct presidential preference primary in each state.

He adds: "As you have known, there is statutory provision for presidential preference primary in five states. Some other states probably will enact legislation this winter to provide such primaries. Where it is not possible to make such provision legally the resolution urges that republican state committees provide a means whereby the voters will be given a right to express their choice of candidates.

"In many states there is legal provision for the direct nomination of state officers. Where this is the case, it will not be difficult for state committees to make supplementary arrangements for the presidential primary.

"On behalf of the progressive republican campaign committee, I wrote you, urging that you take steps to enable the republicans of your state to directly express their choice for the republican nomination for president. Do this by law if possible, if not within the law, do it by action of your committee.

"It is to be noted that friends of Robert M. La Follette are ready to submit his name for nomination by the direct vote of the rank and file of the party."

## SAW THEM; WANTED THEM; TOOK THEM; IS TAKEN

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Nettie Portley, black and buxom, employed as maid to Miss Sophie Brandt, former comic opera star, wanted a flat and a piano. So she took the Brandt jewel box, located a \$1000 pearl necklace for \$55, which the pawnbroker assured her was a lot of money for "worthless" pearls and secured \$5 for a \$50 gold clasp. Before the money went on the first installment of the coveted piano or a deposit was paid on the flat, rent, "Portly" was behind the bars.

She said she never thought "Miss Brandt would miss 'em." And Miss Brandt says the moral of the tale is "hire an affinityless maid."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Augustus Burling, wealthy clubman and insurance agent, was held to answer on a charge to commit murder with ball fixed at \$25,000, here today for shooting William Kent, a chauffeur. Kent appeared in behalf of his assailant and pleaded earnestly against his prosecution, saying that he believed Burling was insane at the time with liquor and a nervous wreck.

Hastings' for Health.

BERTRAM LYTELL AS THE STRANGER WITH THE "GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST" AT THE OPERA HOUSE, TUESDAY NIGHT.



AT THE MEDFORD THEATRE TONIGHT.



One occasionally hears the question concerning the nationally famous Whitney Brothers quartet: "Are they all brothers?"

As Bill Nye would say: "We are compelled to answer yes!"

They are brothers. Their father was a minister in New York state. These four boys in the family were duly christened upon their arrival. The youngest, Yale, was born on the 22d day of January, 1854. The oldest, Will, began his musical career upon the day of his birth, which, according to "Who's Who in the Lyceum," was on the 26th day of May, 1872.

## The Royal Welsh Ladies' Choir.

The fame of Welsh choral singing became world wide, when in 1872 a mixed choir consisting mainly of Welsh village folk, under the leadership of Saradog (Griffith Rhys Jones), won the Crystal Palace company's \$5,500 challenge trophy, and a cash prize of \$500. This fame was enhanced in the following year, when the same choir under the same leader again won the trophy, beating the London choir, known then as the Paris Prize Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Proudman. The sons and daughters, especially the daughters, of the principally have ever since maintained the fame and ever enhanced the standard established and set by the Crystal Palace victories.

Of all the Welsh musical organizations, the Royal Welsh Ladies' Choir has been first and foremost not only to maintain the fame, but to set a standard to Welsh or any other choral singing that has ever yet been excelled.

The visit of the Royal Welsh Ladies' Choir to America is by no means a new venture. Indeed, it is now a matter of history. Here next Thursday,

Hastings' for Health.

OLYMPIA, Wn.—Mayor Harris has issued a call for a special election to be held December for the purpose of deciding whether Olympia shall adopt the commission form of government.

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**Rogue River Valley Canal Company**

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