

# Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

In the capital of New Zealand one-third of a workman's or a clerk's income goes to the landlord for rent.

Free lunch will be offered as an inducement to men to come to a series of Saturday revival meetings at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

So large has the foreign population of East London now become that even the official notices outside the police station have to be printed in Yiddish as well as English.

A performance at the Municipal theater, at Halle, Switzerland, had to be suspended the other night while the policeman on duty was ejected. He had fallen asleep at his post, and his loud snoring disturbed the audience.

Messrs. Beardmore, of Glasgow, have laid the first keel of a new British battleship, to be called the Agamemnon. She is the most powerful ship of the line yet ordered. She will have a displacement of 16,500 tons and be more heavily armored than anything afloat.

Bathing affords considerable scope for eccentricity, of which the sand bath is the latest form. In the open air, beneath a hot sun's rays, the bathers burrow in the sand until he is completely covered by the golden grains, whence, if we accept devotees' authority, he emerges after a while with renewed health and energy.

There are in Germany 21 universities, one government academy, ten government technical schools, six government veterinary schools, four government geological and mining schools and four government commercial schools. In these 53 national institutions are employed 4,319 instructors.

There is a railway over the Egyptian desert which runs for 45 miles in a straight line, but this is beaten by one in Australia. The railway from Nynyan to Bourke, in New South Wales, runs over a plain quite level for 126 miles in a mathematically straight line. There is hardly an embankment, not a curve, and only three very slight elevations.

One of the most beautiful diamonds in the world is the regent. It belongs to France. When rough it weighed 410 carats. Its present weight is only 126 carats. Its cutting, which is of great excellence, required two years of work. It was valued in 1791 at 12,000,000 francs. This diamond was purchased in the rough state by the grandfather of William Pitt for 312,000 francs. The duke of Orleans, then regent of France, acquired it in 1717 for the sum of 3,375,000 francs.

Mrs. Annie Rickett, of California, not content with years of prospecting and mining, during which she discovered the Calico silver mines and several valuable gold properties, set to work some time ago to build the San Joaquin and Tuolumne railway through a rough, mountainous country covered with forests. Mrs. Rickett is president of the company, and an excellent president, too. Miss Brainerd is its treasurer, and four of the six directors are women.

Gold and silver bullion, buried under the sea for more than 350 years, is being brought to the surface of the Bay of Mull by divers employed by the duke of Argyll. The search for this fortune, the size of which can only be guessed at, but which report says runs well up into the millions, has been intermittently constant ever since the days when the great Spanish galleon went to the bottom in that secluded bay on the west coast of Scotland, but only now is it meeting with any real success.

The desire expressed by the Japanese envoys that the peace negotiations shall be conducted in the English language once more illustrates the spread of this speech. For the past 300 years French has been the accepted language of diplomacy among European nations, although of late English has been freely used. The recent ascendancy of English is due not so much to its own vigor and elasticity as to the more practical reason that it is becoming almost a universal language and, therefore, carries expediency with it.

There are two trade secrets that the outside world, it seems, will never learn. One is a Chinese secret—the making of the bright and beautiful color called vermilion, or Chinese red; the other is a Turkish secret—the laying of the hardest steel with gold and silver. Among the Chinese and among the Assyrians these two secrets are guarded well. Apprentices, before they are taken for either trade, must swear a strong oath to reveal nothing of what passes in the workshop. These apprentices, furthermore, must belong to families of standing.

The only two 60-dollar bills in existence have been found. One belongs to an eastern collector and the other to Mrs. Julia Turton, of St. Louis. They are worth \$1,000 each. "My mother was a Bryant," said Mrs. Turton, "and the bill was one of several paid to my grandfather, Col. John N. Bryant, who fought in the war of 1812, by the father of Mark Twain. The payment was made in connection with a land deal in Tennessee, the details of which I have never been able to learn. The bill was an inheritance of mine, but I never realized its value."

A most refreshing instance of economical and sound business management in the administration of an exposition fund is that furnished by the board of lady managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition. These ladies received an appropriation of \$100,000 for their work, and of this amount, after paying all expenses, they have returned \$25,667.56 to the government. This is the first instance on record, we believe, where a committee organized for any purpose has turned back into the public treasury any part of an appropriation made by congress.

## REGION QUARANTINED AGAINST NEW ORLEANS.



### SENSATION IN MILWAUKEE

One of City's Wealthiest Citizens Indicted for Stealing \$14,000.

Money Alleged to Have Been Invested to Him to Secure a Contract and He Kept It.

Milwaukee, Aug. 5.—Charles F. Pfister, one of the wealthiest citizens of Milwaukee, has been indicted by the grand jury of Milwaukee county, charged with stealing \$14,000 belonging to the Wisconsin Rendering Co. of this city. At the same time indictments were returned against four others, the charges of bribery being alleged in three of the indictments and one of perjury. The list of persons for whom capias were issued is as follows:

Chas. F. Pfister, capitalist, one indictment; larceny.

John F. Dittmar, formerly supervisor, one indictment, bribery.

George F. Reichert, supervisor, one indictment, embracing 14 counts, bribery.

Barney A. Eaton, state senator, one indictment, bribery.

Frank F. Schultz, formerly newspaper reporter, one indictment, perjury.

The indictment against Mr. Pfister alleges that, on March 30, 1901, the accused was bailed of \$14,000, said amount being deposited with him by the Wisconsin Rendering Co. for the purpose of obtaining for the company a valuable contract from the city of Milwaukee for the disposing of garbage. If he so used the money was to be returned to the company. It is charged that the money was not so used and that Pfister converted it to his own use.

The indictment caused a profound sensation. Mr. Pfister is engaged in many of the biggest enterprises of Milwaukee.

### NEGOTIATING FOR PEACE

The Yaqui Indians of Sonora Want to Make Peace With the Mexican Government.

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 3.—News comes from Sonora in a letter to the editor of the Nogales Oasis that negotiations for peace are in progress between the Yaqui Indians and the Mexican government. Couriers are traveling throughout the state wherever there are Yaqui Indians, exhorting them to commit no further depredation pending a peace conference. A conference will be held at Ures in a few days, it is said, between the Yaqui leaders and the Mexican representatives. The initiative came from the Yaquis.

### BIG FIRE IN KANSAS CITY

Household Effects of Seven Hundred Families Burned With Morr Storage Co.'s Warehouse.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 3.—The D. A. Morr Storage Co.'s four-story brick building at the southwest corner of Fourteenth street and Grand avenue in this city was destroyed by fire, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000. About seven hundred families had furniture stored with the company, and it is difficult to estimate the extent of the loss.

### Three Killed in a Storm.

Beaumont, Tex., Aug. 3.—One white boy and two negro boys were killed and 29 persons more or less seriously injured in a heavy wind storm which struck Beaumont, La. The town is situated in a forest of pine timber, the wind uprooting several trees, which fell on houses, killing and injuring the occupants.

### Franco-American Syndicate Loan.

Paris, Aug. 3.—It is stated that M. Witte is arranging a loan through a combination of French and American bankers, the terms of the syndicate of French capitalists, through which he first tried to arrange one, being considered too high.

### A Pioneer Preacher Dead.

Windsor, Ill., Aug. 3.—Elder M. G. Hart, a pioneer preacher of the Baptist faith, who ordained nearly every minister of his faith in the Ambraw association, and established nearly half of the churches, died here.

### Wm. Crumback, of Indiana, Dead.

Greensburg, Ind., Aug. 3.—William Crumback, former lieutenant-governor of Indiana, and well known as an author, politician and lecturer, died at his home here. He was born in Indiana in 1829, and practiced law here the greater part of his life. He was elected to congress in 1854.

### The Soo's Half Century.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Aug. 3.—The fifty anniversary of the opening of the great "Soo" canal was celebrated here.

### INTERSTATE INSPECTION

Large Insurance Companies of New York to be Investigated by Commissioners of Other States.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Three large insurance companies of New York are to be investigated by the insurance commissioners of Tennessee, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Minnesota, as a result of a meeting of eight state insurance commissioners held here. Another result of the conference is to be the interstate investigation of all large life insurance companies, so that alleged misapplication of funds and mismanagement may become a thing of the past.

It was the unanimous opinion of the experts attending the convention that there should be interstate inspection of insurance companies. The commissioners will go to New York on August 10. The other men who attended the convention, but who did not join in the movement, were W. B. Vreeland, superintendent of insurance of Illinois; James W. Barry, insurance commissioner of Michigan; B. F. Carroll, auditor of state and ex-officio insurance commissioner of Iowa, and J. J. Brinkerhoff, actuary for the Illinois department of insurance.

### JAMES RICHARD CARNAHAN

Commander of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias Passes Away.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 4.—Gen. James Richard Carnahan, commander of the uniform rank, K. of P., died, at his home in this city.

He was born in Indiana in 1841, served in civil war, graduated from college in 1866 and practiced law. He was instrumental in organizing one of the first drill companies in the Knights of Pythias. In 1881 he was made adjutant general of Indiana.

Gen. Carnahan was generally spoken of for the position of commander of the G. A. R.

### A BAD NEGRO KILLED

If Reports of His Doings Are Correct He Was Not Suppressed Any Too Soon.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 4.—A special to the Gazette from Lewisville, Ark., says:

After killing two persons, seriously and probably fatally shooting two others, one a woman, and less seriously shooting two more, like Kinney, a desperate negro, was killed in a river boat at Doella, six miles south of Lewisville, after a hot fight with a posse of citizens that surrounded him.

Kinney killed a negro at Stamps on Wednesday, fled and was being pursued by a posse.

### EDISON'S LATEST TRIUMPH

The Wizard Announces the Perfection of a Reliable Storage Battery.

New York, Aug. 7.—In announcing that he had perfected his storage batteries for propelling electric vehicles, Thomas A. Edison warmly complimented young Cooper Hewitt, who had helped him solve a most difficult problem with his mercury rectifier. His battery, he says, will send a pleasure vehicle, under the most favorable conditions, at the rate of 20 miles an hour for 150 miles.

### Requisition Honored.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 4.—Gov. Mickey has honored the requisition of Gov. McDonald of Colorado for the return of Victor or Frank Buxter, alias Frank Martin, who is charged with the murder of Martin O'Connor, a miner, on April 5, 1905. The man is under arrest at Grand Island, Neb.

### Says Dead Wife Was Robbed.

Toledo, O., Aug. 4.—Four hours after the death of his wife, James Sheehan, a wealthy contractor, had his brother-in-law, Fred Alexander, placed under arrest for receiving five diamond rings alleged to have been taken from his dead wife.

### Cut Off Baby's Head.

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 4.—In order to hide her shame, Louise Juniper, at Columbus, Kas., cut off the head of her newborn babe, and hid it in a telescope vase under her head. She is now in jail, also a prominent young man.

### Fear For Car's Health.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—The Mittags Zeitung says it is informed from St. Petersburg that apprehensions in regard to the health of the czar are felt in the Russian capital. He is unable to sleep at night.

### Regarded as Probably True.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—No confirmation is obtainable of the report that a meeting has been arranged between Emperor William and King Edward, but the news is regarded by the press in general as probably true.

## FRANK H. FARRIS ACQUITTED

The Missouri State Senator Charged With Bribery Declared Not Guilty.

The Jury, Or the Majority of Them, Evidently Did Not Credit the Testimony of John A. Lee.

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 7.—State Senator Frank H. Farris was acquitted by a jury in the circuit court on a charge of bribery in connection with a bill introduced at the session of the state legislature of 1901 to repeal the



SENATOR FRANK H. FARRIS.

statute prohibiting the use of alum in the manufacture of baking powder, commonly known as the "alum bill." The first ballot taken by the jury resulted eight for acquittal and four for conviction. The same result continued on subsequent ballots until an agreement was reached after being locked up all night.

The acquittal was greeted with cheers by the friends of Senator Farris and the latter was warmly congratulated.

The trial had lasted for a week, the principal testimony for the state being that of former Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee, on whose testimony before the grand jury indictments were returned against Farris and former State Senator C. A. Smith.

The Smith case will be taken up before Judge Martin, and, it is announced, will be dismissed by the state.

### GRAND SPECTACULAR PARADE

Ten Thousand Men March in Manila in Honor of Secretary of War Taft and Party.

Manila, Aug. 7.—A large spectacular parade was held in honor of the visit of Secretary of War Taft and party. Ten thousand men were in line, including military, marines, sailors, industrial and 30 provincial delegations. There were 50 floats and 80 bands in line. The parade was three hours lasting the reviewing stand.

Secretary Taft, Gov.-Gen. Wright, Maj.-Gen. Corbin, Rear-Admiral Train and Miss Alice Roosevelt and the resident foreign representatives were in the reviewing stand. Two floats bore fountains of ylang-ylang, and other floats were profusely decorated with flowers.

At one stage of the procession a halt was made and Miss Roosevelt was presented with a gold plate, amidst unbounded enthusiasm.

### SOME FILIPINO ATROCITIES

Natives of Samar Made to Suffer Because They Are Friendly to Americans.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Reports reach the war department of atrocities practiced on natives of Samar by the Filipinos of the island, who are opposing American domination.

In several instances natives who have disregarded the commands of the "puljanas" have been captured and beheaded. On one occasion one of the cut-throats seized his own sister-in-law, and because she sympathized with the American authorities, severed her right leg and cut away half of the left side of her face.

Another Americanista, captured by outlaws, was brought before the chief, who ordered that his head be wrapped in an American flag. First his lips were cut off, then oil was poured over the flag, and the flag ignited.

The unhappy victim, a human torch, was then driven out into the highway was then driven out into the highway.

### MITCHELL BREAKING DOWN

The Nervous and Physical Strain, He Says, Is More Than Mortal Man Can Stand.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 7.—An assertion made by President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers during an address to a large number of mine workers at Oliphant has perturbed many miners.

He is quoted as saying: "I may not long be with you in this great movement. This night and day work is too much. The nervous and physical strain of continued effort is more than mortal man can stand."

### Girl Kills Herself.

Decatur, Ill., Aug. 7.—While in a buggy with Jules Garland, one mile from Arthur, at night, Anna Oye shot herself, and died in a few minutes. No reason is known for the girl's act, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

### Judge D. S. Wade Dead.

Andover, O., Aug. 7.—Judge D. S. Wade, aged 65, died at his home at Little Medford. He was appointed chief justice of Montana territory by President Hayes, and held that office many years.

### Sam Houston's Daughter in Luck.

Cleveland, Tex., Aug. 7.—Authentic reports have reached here from Davis Hill, in Liberty county, that a good producing oil well has been struck. The new field is believed to be fully a mile square. A daughter of Sam Houston owns the larger part of it.

### Stricken in Front of a Mirror.

Terre Haute, Ind., Aug. 7.—Florence Copeland, aged 17, of Rosedale, while arranging her hair in front of a mirror, was stricken with paralysis on one side and her tongue, and will probably die.

## TRADE OUTLOOK CHEERING

With Good Crops Fall Business Shows Signs of Expansion—Western Trade Opens Up Earlier.

New York, Aug. 5.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:

Fall business, while not yet in full swing, shows signs of expansion, and western trade opens a week earlier than last year. Weather conditions have favored crop growth and harvesting, fear of rust damage to spring wheat has disappeared, corn promises a record yield, and both demand and collections have improved as the result of early wheat crop movement in the southwest.

Midsummer quiet, so called, is less than ordinarily manifest this year in trade industry and financial operations. Bank clearings for July break all records for that month, failures are strikingly few for a normally dull period, and railway earnings show progressive gains on the best summer.

Trade in the south is irregular. Mississippi Valley shotgun quarantines affect demand and shipment, but in the south Atlantic states and in the industrial centers the feeling is quite cheerful and fall business is looking up.

### CREAM OF THE PROFESSION

Portsmouth, N. H., Will Shelter One of the Greatest Groups of Correspondents Ever Got Together.

New York, Aug. 4.—Congregating in New York are representatives of most of the great newspapers of Europe. Each European steamer brings more of them and by the time the peace conference opens there will be an assemblage of correspondents at Portsmouth which could at once resolve itself into the greatest journalistic convention ever held. For the newspaper men who are being sent to America are the leaders of their profession in each capital. It is hardly expected that there will be a possibility of any journal obtaining such exclusive news as, for instance, the London Times obtained when it printed the text of the treaty of Berlin, but if there is any chance of getting a "beat" the men able to secure it will be there.

### THE TAFT PARTY IN MANILA

A Gorgeous Water Pageant Welcomed Them to the Capital of the Philippines.

Manila, Aug. 5.—Secretary of War Taft and party arrived here on the steamship Manchuria. Their arrival was made the occasion of a gorgeous water pageant. Gov. Gen. Wright, Maj. Gen. Corbin and Rear-Admiral Train, with their staffs and the official reception committee met the party when the Manchuria anchored.

The battleship Ohio, the forts and craft in the harbor fired the regulation salute for the secretary of war. After the party left the steamship they proceeded to the governor general's residence, where the official welcome was made and where the golden keys of the city were presented to Secretary Taft.

Thousands lined the streets, which were elaborately decorated.

### HE LIKES THE PRESIDENT

M. Witte Voices His Impression of President Roosevelt on His First Meeting.

New York, Aug. 5.—M. Witte, the Russian peace plenipotentiary, on his return from his informal visit to President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, made the following statement about the impressions he had received of the president on this, the first time he had seen him:

"I have conceived the highest opinion of Mr. Roosevelt. I was particularly struck by his energy and broad-mindedness. I feel it is good for the United States to have so distinguished a man at the head of its executive, and I fully appreciate the reasons that led to the choice of him for so responsible and honorable a post. I do not say this with any desire to flatter the president or the American people. It is my sincere conviction."

### A CONFESSION OF MURDER

One of the Boys Under Arrest at Oakland, Cal., For the Murder of T. W. Cook, Confesses.

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 4.—Percy Pembroke, aged 16 years, one of the three boys arrested charged with the murder of T. W. Cook, has made a full confession. The boys, all under 17 years of age, deliberately planned to hold up their friend and acquaintance, Thomas W. Cook. They lay in wait for him armed with blades and lead pipe. When Cook appeared, Pembroke declared Blaker stepped behind him and dealt him a stunning blow with the pipe. Cook fell, and Pembroke ran from the scene of the crime, leaving his companions, John Snyder and George Blaker, to complete the robbery. Pembroke exonerates Crowhurst, another suspect.

### Nebraska Populists Aid for Fusion.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 7.—The populist state executive committee fixed Wednesday, September 20, at Lincoln, as the time and place for holding their state convention. As this is the date and place also selected by the democrats, it is regarded as a bid for fusion.

### The Penalty Is Death.

Waco, Tex., Aug. 5.—The jury in the case of Hank Majors, a young negro, charged with criminal assault, returned a verdict of guilty, and placed punishment at death. The jury was out just three minutes.

### Bank Books Were Excluded.

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 5.—The state lost one point in the Farris case when the books of the Steelville bank, where Senator Farris kept his deposit and by which it was proposed to show he put \$4,624 to his credit there after the alleged alum transaction, were excluded.

### Destroyers for Coast Service.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—The admiralty has given orders for 12 turbine torpedoed destroyers, ranging from 220 to 230 tons displacement for coast service.

## ANOTHER BIG FIRE ON HOBOKEN DOCKS

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Terminals Burned.

### A HALF MILLION DOLLAR LOSS

The Duke's House, a Famous Old Hostelry, and Other Property Adjoining Destroyed Before the Fire Was Stayed.

New York, Aug. 2.—Inside of three quarters of an hour fire swept away the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Co.'s terminal in Hoboken, seized two ferriesboats and practically ruined them, and for half an hour threatened the destruction of the entire waterfront in the vicinity, including the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd steamship docks, at which several big ships were lying. The property damage is estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000. So far as known no lives were lost.

### Whole Water Front Lit Up.

For over an hour huge tongues of flame leaped from the wooden structures on the Lackawanna docks, lighting the New Jersey and New York waterfronts. For a time it threatened a loss larger than that of the big dock fire of several years ago, when the North German Lloyd piers were destroyed with a great loss of life.

### Blazing Ferry Boats.

Blazing ferriesboats cut from their docks floated in the river, wandering fire ships, which for a time endangered shipping in the river.

The fire started on an old wooden ferryboat and, swept by a northerly breeze, communicated with the ferry house, spread to the main building of the Lackawanna and then to the Duke's house, a famous Hoboken hostelry. The hotel was a frame structure, and was a ready prey for the flames.

By this time the flames were spreading in all directions, utterly beyond the control of the few first fire fighters who had responded to the first alarm.

### Other Buildings Burned.

Following the hotel, the structure of the public service corporation—the street car operating company of Hoboken, Jersey City and nearby places, went down before the flames.

The fire was finally got under control, the big steamship piers had been saved, and a rough estimate placed the damage at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

### BUMPER CROPS IN PROSPECT

Estimated Yields of Wheat, Oats and Corn in Twelve of the Great Grain States.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Bumper crops are in prospect throughout the west. Railroad officials are preparing moving facilities from figures that break records.

Twelve states that produced a total of 1,606,962,946 bushels of corn in 1904 will have a crop aggregating 330,867,390 bushels more than that amount this year if present conditions meet with no unexpected change.

The same states producing 354,724,263 bushels of wheat last year have yielded an increase of 112,037,286 bushels this season, more than 30 per cent.

Oats show a gain in the same territory, according to indications, of more than 100,000,000 bushels over the 685,810,245 bushels produced in 1904.

And in spite of this remarkable outlook prices have been maintained at a high notch.

The wheat crop was never better. It is a bumper; a regular happy-farmer maker.

Winter wheat has been harvested and except in a few—a very few—where rust weather interfered, was harvested in excellent condition.

Spring wheat, the finest crop in ten years, and in some areas surpassing any previous yield, now past all danger from rust and other ills caused by the weather, is in the hands of the harvesters, or practically ready for them.

Corn, several days ahead of the crop at this time last year, and its percentages of bushels to the acre running ahead of the 100 mark, is bursting into maturity in the broad belt in Illinois and beyond the Mississippi like a potted plant under a magician's wand.

Bumper crops in twelve states show enormous increase in yield for 1905.

The following are crop estimates compiled from reports from throughout the grain country:

States	Corn, bu.	Wheat, bu.	Oats, bu.
Illinois	310,000,000	21,000,000	120,000,000
Indiana	180,000,000	12,000,000	60,000,000
Kansas	300,000,000	14,000,000	120,000,000
Missouri	275,000,000	10,000,000	110,000,000
Michigan	28,000,000	1,250,000	2,000,000
Minnesota	48,000,000	7,000,000	72,824,000
Wisconsin	200,000,000	10,000,000	20,000,000
Nebraska	270,000,000	35,000,000	75,000,000
North Dak.	2,000,000	70,000,000	25,000,000
Ohio	50,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000
South Dak.	22,000,000	45,000,000	32,000,000
Wisconsin	45,000,000	5,000,000	94,000,000

### Drank Ice Water and Died.

Fort Scott, Kas., Aug. 8.—Alonzo Baker, a Frisco fireman, took a drink of ice water and fell dead.

### Warning to Jews.

Hemel, Russia, Aug. 8.—The chief of police of Hemel has issued a manifesto that, as his life has been twice attempted by Jews of the lowest classes, hereafter all such men approaching within 50 paces of his carriage, will be shot.

### Arrests at Lodz, Poland.

Lodz, Poland, Aug. 8.—The police authorities have arrested 168 workmen who were leaders in the last strike. The workmen threaten a general strike unless their representatives are released before August 12.

### United Spanish War Veterans.