

GARBER

May Win the Fourth District Prize.

Indications Point to His Nomination at Wapakoneta.

(Special Correspondence.)
Wapakoneta, O., July 15.—Sixteen ballots were taken this morning in the Fourth district Democratic Congressional convention, and on the 1401st an adjournment was made until 1:30 p.m. The balloting started with about the same vote for each candidate as at Sidney, in June. Harry C. Garber securing 114, Adkins 74, and Loree 68. While the general belief prevails that Garber will be nominated today, the indications point to the deadlock continuing until at least tomorrow. Harry G. Wagner, of Sidney, who was talked of as a dark horse, has shown no strength.

AN INSULT TO CUBAN PEOPLE

Gen. Bragg Has Made a Miserable Blunder.

Washington, July 15.—Senator Quesada, Cuban minister to the United States, has called the attention of President Palma to the reported utterances of Consul General Bragg, of the United States and asked for instructions. Until he receives these he will take no step in the matter. The criminal sentence was contained in a letter to Mrs. Bragg and read: "Uncle Sam might as well try to make a whistle out of a pig's tail, as to try to make something out of the Latin race."
Gen. Bragg was asked last night by the State department as to the authenticity of the letter and in reply, cabled: "Publication unauthorized."
The case is peculiar, and there is hardly an exact analogy in the records of the department. Other consuls and consul generals from time to time have been indiscreet in their correspondence, but so far as known none has been recalled for such offense. They are not in the same position as a diplomat, and for that reason their expressed opinions are not taken as seriously as are those of such officials as Lord Sackville West, once British minister to the United States, and Senor De Lome, once Spanish minister.
The first wrote a letter to a Californian during the Cleveland campaign which was offensive to the Administration, and the second also wrote a letter in which he criticised President McKinley. Each was given his passports post haste.
Ordinarily the incident would be dismissed with nothing more serious than

an admonition to the offender to be more careful in the future, but in the case of Cuba the relations are so peculiar and almost paternal, that, should President Palma decide to make a protest, there could hardly be any other way out of the dilemma than through the recall of General Bragg.
State department officials, while looking upon the affair as one of those misfortunes which are likely to happen to almost any member of the consular force, are dismayed at its coming so close upon the inauguration of Cuban independence, and are anxious, so far as possible, to neutralize its probable evil effects. They are fully aware that if Cuba is, at any future time, to be annexed to the United States, expressions of contempt for the Cuban people made by American officials do not tend toward making the problem any more agreeable to either side.
Yesterday, beyond the cablegram to Gen. Bragg and his answer, no action was taken by the department. Senor Quesada did not call, but through Senor Carrillo, the second secretary of the legation, sent word that he was ill and had gone out to Chevy Chase, a suburb resort. Incidentally Senor Carrillo inquired what protection was being given Cubans in foreign lands pending the establishment of a diplomatic corps by that island, and was assured that American consuls had been instructed to care for Cubans as they would for Americans. This was the only subject discussed, and the Bragg affair was not mentioned.

HIS GOOD EYE.

By It Warner Is Alleged to Have Sworn Vengeance on Frederick.

"By the good eye that's left me, I'll get even with that man Frederick," is an oath alleged to have been made by Chas. H. Warner, now at the hospital for repairs after colliding with a load of buckshot at the home of D. M. Frederick, of Merriman st. extension. Warner was on the roof of Frederick's front porch, trying to crawl through a window, when the shot was fired. Prosecutor Hagelbarger was at first inclined to believe Warner had been punished enough for his attempt at

house-breaking by having one of his eyes shot out, but he has since heard that Warner, as a "clasher" for his other oaths, has declared that he hopes God will put out his sound eye, if he neglects to make good his threats against Frederick. Prosecutor Hagelbarger says that the safety of Frederick alone is something the officers need to look after, and the fact that Warner had on former occasions threatened evil to Frederick makes the case what the officers call serious.

Owes a Million and Has Not One Red Cent

A dispatch from Galveston, Tex., states that Frank W. Olmstead, a former resident of Cuyahoga Falls, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$976,000, and no assets. Among the creditors are banks in New York, Cincinnati, Dresden, O., and

Stuebenville. Olmstead was president of the Hartman Manufacturing Co., of New Castle, Pa., which company undertook to buy the Cuyahoga Steel and Wire Co., and which went into the hands of a receiver. Olmstead never made Cuyahoga Falls his home.

GOODYEAR MEN

Entertained at Dinner by the General Manager.

At his home on East Market st., Saturday evening, General Manager F. A. Seiberling, of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., entertained at dinner the other officers and directors of the company, the heads of departments and managers of branches in New York, Chicago and elsewhere. There were 22 present, among the guests being Gen. Chas. Dick, a director of the company. Informal toasts contributed to the evening's entertainment.

WATCHED

The Growth of Akron

From a Struggling Village to a City.

Mrs. Increase Sumner Died Tuesday Morning.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sumner, widow of the late Increase Sumner, and one of the few remaining links by which Akron as a flourishing manufacturing city had been connected with the history of its struggles as a village in a wilderness, died at her home on East Buchtel ave., Tuesday morning, of old age, after an illness that had confined her to her bed for nearly two years.
Mrs. Sumner had lived almost alone since the death of her husband. In 1868, and built the home in which she died, when the building of the Jennings school made it necessary for the Sumner homestead to be torn down.
Mrs. Sumner was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hammel, and was born at Ithaca, New York, September 21, 1812, thus being nearly 92 years of age at the time of her death. She was first married in 1827 to Mr. Arthur Miller, who died of consumption two years later, leaving his widow with two children, who have also died since. Mrs. Miller was married to the late Increase Sumner, March 19, 1837, and since the death of Mr. Sumner, she had lived comparatively alone. Mrs. Sumner was known as a woman of great natural brightness and retained possession of her faculties almost to the day of her death. She had lived in Akron 60 years.
An estate of considerable value is left.
The funeral, which will be private, will probably be held Thursday, and the remains will be interred in Glendale cemetery.

Judge Anderson Still on Duty.

Probate Judge Anderson has not yet decided to take a vacation, and he is somewhat annoyed by the personal in the newspapers which stated that he was camping at Long Lake. His family is there, but the Judge remains in the city.
The Democrat prints all the local news. Tell your neighbors to read it.

MURDERED

His Wife Then Sharpened Ax

With Which to Kill Their Son.

An Insane Man's Terrible Crime.

Lebanon, O. July 15.—A horrible murder occurred Monday afternoon, near Mason, a small town in this county. James Conover, a farmer, aged 60 years, while insane, deliberately killed his wife with a club. The couple were at home alone and the wife was preparing for the threshers, who were to have come today. At an opportune time the husband seized a piece of timber, struck her over the head, and pounded her into an unrecognizable mass. Then he crossed her arms over her breast and covered the body with a sheet.
A married son, their only living child, who lived on an adjoining farm, had gone to Mason, on an errand. The father knew this, and while awaiting his return deliberately sharpened an ax with which to kill him. When the son drove up two hours later the father unhitched his horse and the two went to the barn. The son sat down to count some grain sacks and while in that position the father grabbed the ax and exclaiming, "I've killed your mother and intend to kill you," struck him a blow that felled him, cutting him deep into the neck. He attempted to strike another blow, but the boy rallied and after a fierce struggle got away and dragged himself to the highway, where he was soon found almost exhausted.
When the neighbors began to arrive they found Conover sitting on the fence and saying, "There'll be no thrashing here tomorrow, but a funeral instead. I've killed my wife; the authorities made me do it." He was captured without difficulty and is now here in jail.

The death of a daughter, ten years ago, caused Conover to become deranged, and at least six times has been committed to the asylum, only to return in a few months apparently cured. In his sane moments his great fear was of killing his son when his derangement came on, and he sometimes asked to be taken to the asylum to prevent this. Yesterday he began to show symptoms of insanity and his son before leaving Mason had been talking with friends of his condition.
The people are all wealthy and highly connected.

THOUGHT AGAIN.

(Special Correspondence.)
Barberton, July 15.—Fred Hershey, who runs a saloon near the Erie depot, thought he would disregard the law, and kept his saloon open last Sunday. Monday morning he accompanied one of the Barberton sleuths to Mayor's court and pleaded guilty to a charge of selling intoxicants on Sunday. He was given \$25 and costs.

LEAVING AKRON.

Western Union Manager Has Resigned Position.

Mr. E. C. Labbadie, who for nearly a year has been manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co. in Akron has resigned and returned to his former position in Petoskey, Mich. Mr. Labbadie made many friends in this city and added materially to the patronage of the office and to the satisfaction of patrons. For the present the office is in charge of Mr. A. C. Abbott, temporarily transferred from Toledo.

NEW

Battleship Expected to Do Well.

The Maine Considered a Model.

Builders' Trial Trip Was Commenced Today.

Philadelphia, July 15.—The new battleship Maine will leave Cramps' ship yard today at 3 o'clock on her way to the Delaware capes on a builders' trial trip more exacting than any heretofore demanded from a vessel built for the United States navy. She must maintain a speed of 18 knots. The trial trip will take place off the Delaware capes on Thursday.
Naval officers and others who have watched the Maine since her construction was begun three years ago last February, regard her as a model battleship and predict that she will meet all her contract requirements.
In size and armament the new warship is vastly superior to her namesake which was blown up in the harbor of Havana over four years ago. Her principal dimensions are: Length between perpendiculars 388 feet; length over all 393 feet 10 inches; extreme breadth 72 feet; mean draught 23 feet six inches. Her engines will have 16,000 indicated horsepower as compared to 9,203 in the original Maine.

NO SNOW AND NO SIGN OF IT

Mercury Is Still the Highest Thing in Town.

No snow fell on Monday or Tuesday, nor did the waters of any of the neighboring lakes freeze. "I am 85 today," remarked the mercury in the Buchtel college thermometer at 3:30 p. m. It came off the high horse shortly after sunset, however, and at 9:30 p. m., registered 63 degrees. Tuesday it climbed up again.
Despite the hot weather the heat prostrations have been very few in Akron. Physicians say that the hot weather has not caused an increase in sickness, although it is severe on persons who are ill.

SOLD AT LAST.

Old Empire Mill Property Changed Hands.

After Being Offered Four Times, It Was Bought by Francis Seiberling.

The old Empire mill of the J. F. Seiberling & Co. has been sold at last. Francis Seiberling, Esq., was the purchaser, and the price paid was \$25,700. The sale took place late Monday. Three times before, W. H. Carter, assignee, offered the property for sale, but not even a bidder could be found. The property included is the brick plant at the rear of the plant of the India Rubber Co., and office building, and some land.
Mr. Seiberling declined to discuss in detail plans with reference to the property but stated that several other gentlemen were interested with him in the deal, and that within a short time the building would be occupied with an industry that would be a benefit to Akron.
The original appraisement of the property sold was \$50,000, but the last appraised value was about \$30,000.

BURGLARIES ARE MORE FREQUENT

Believed That a Gang Is Operating in Akron.

The police are becoming more and more convinced that there is an organized gang of thieves and burglars operating in the city at the present time, and their attention becomes closer day after day because of the fact that there are new cases reported almost every morning.
For several evenings past there have been suspicious characters reported as hanging around that part of extreme East Akron known as the White Grocery, and Monday night there were operations which revealed the motive of the lingerers. The houses of Fred Rhoades, Milton Weirick and Marion Spade were entered. At the

first place property and money to the value of \$20 was taken; at Weirick's \$15 covers the loss, and at Spade's nothing is missing. In each case the marauders entered the houses through windows.
Charles Norris' house, 307 Hazel st., was also entered, and a pair of pantaloons containing \$1.50 in cash was stolen from Norris' bedroom.
Max Adler, who conducts a pool room on South Main st., reported to the police Tuesday morning that some one had entered his place during the night through a cellar window and made away with cigars and gum valued at about \$5.

FAMINE

Stares Chicago In the Face and the Strike Goes On.

Chicago, Ill., July 15.—All present prospects of peace in the struggle between the freight handlers and the railroads seemed to vanish last evening. This morning the outlook was still dark but there is some hope that the conflict may be settled today.
Commission merchants said this morning that the food supply was hourly nearing exhaustion. Extraordinary efforts are being made to secure provisions, fruit and green stuff from the railroads during the day. Prices have gone soaring the last few days and carloads of produce have been spoiled. A plan has been started to relieve the situation. Instead of unloading the incoming cars at the freight houses, they are backed up to cold storage plants, unloaded there and then the provisions are taken in charge by express companies. The railway officials are now calling for police help because their business is disrupted.
Wholesale merchants are determined to do business even if the militia has to be called out. 81 gatling guns have been shipped from out of town to the police here.

Drink Cooling Drinks In The Cause of Charity

Lovers of ice cream soda, coca-cola fiends and the devotees of the sizzling lemon phosphate will all have an opportunity Wednesday afternoon to drink to the cause of charity. This charity is the Akron City hospital and the whereof of it all is that Druggist F. A. Collins has donated his soda fountain and all the machinery and connections thereof, to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the hospital for the afternoon. The Collins store is famous for its soda fountain drinks and the Ladies' Auxiliary is confident that many a dollar will be accumulated for the hospital. The gross receipts at the fountain will go to the auxiliary, whose mission is the supplying of bedding, linen, etc.

MINERS

Arriving For Big Convention.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 15.—Delegates are beginning to appear for the National convention of the United Mine Workers, the opening session of which will be held Thursday in Tomlinson hall. Secretary Wilson is counting upon the presence of 1,000 delegates, holding approximately 3,000 credentials. President Mitchell will reach here today.
Secretary Wilson will express no opinion as to the action of the conven-

tion. "I am in as close touch as any one," said he, "with the locals of the country, and I am not able to say what will be done. Some delegates have been instructed to favor a general strike if it is necessary; but as a rule, the delegates will come here un-instructed. The convention may continue in session five days and it may be ended in two. This will depend upon the discussion."

Sunday's Concert.

The next free concert of the Eighth Regiment band will be given Sunday at Pleasant park.

THE WEATHER:
SHOWERS PROBABLE TONIGHT;
FAIR TOMORROW.

A FORTUNE MAY BE WAITING FOR AKRONIANS

Jason Jones, Who Died In California, Is Supposed to Have Formerly Lived Here.

Through the death of Jason Jones, a wealthy octogenarian, of Los Angeles, it is very probable that Mrs. Alice Dressler, a clerk of the Upham-Bronse Co., and Mr. Roland K. Jones, a Chicago attorney, son of Mrs. Z. C. Jones, of Spier st., and a graduate of the Akron High school, will receive a good portion of an estate amounting to not less than \$150,000, and which may be \$200,000 and even more. Correspondence is now being had with the Probate Judge at Los Angeles, and while the reply of that official has been very guarded, it is sufficient to indicate that the Jason Jones was very probably, the Jason Jones, who left Akron some time in the '40's and who afterwards became rich.
The first inkling of the fortune came when an article in the local newspapers stated that Jason Jones had died at Los Angeles and left a large fortune and that it was not known who his heirs were. The dispatch was read by the Akron relatives of Jason Jones and an inquiry was sent to California. A decisive reply is expected from California within a short time.
Jason Jones was a brother of the late Z. C. Jones, of this city. As a youth, he was noted for his roving disposition and in later life he was rather eccentric. He went West late in the '40's, a poor young man. It was at the time when the California gold fever was sweeping across the country. He was fortunate and became

rich. Little was heard from him, however, except an occasional letter in which he stated that he was meeting with good fortune.
About a score of years ago he returned to Akron and registered at the Empire House under an assumed name. At this time he had on his person \$80,000. This became known; when he asked the hotel clerk to place the money in the safe. The clerk refused to take so large an amount and Mr. Jones carried it with him to his room. Before returning to California he gave one of his brothers two five-hundred dollar bills. After this but little was heard of the man in Akron until the dispatch announcing the death of Jason Jones, a wealthy octogenarian, was read.