

Denver Very Busy.

Colorado's Capital is Making Ready for the Coming of the Democratic Delegates in July. The Convention Hall.

DENVER is making big preparations for the coming of the Democrats of the nation on July 7 to nominate a candidate for the presidency. For some months the city has been busy with the plans for the entertainment of the expected visitors, and Denver and the whole state of Colorado are looking forward to the event with enthusiasm.

The work of getting ready for the convention in July is under the direction of the committee of arrangements of the Democratic national committee and of local committees.



MAYOR SPEER OF DENVER AND A WELCOME ARCH.

attendance is looked for in part because a great many people will doubtless take occasion to visit Denver at the time of the convention and incidentally see the sights of that part of the country.

There is no such thing as Democrat or Republican in Denver when it comes to civic pride and work for the general good of the city.

After the Chase. He (panting as he pushes her over the fence)—Well, darling, you made a good shot with that red hat of yours.

LEITER-WILLIAMS.

An Engagement Announcement of International Interest. There is special interest in the announcement of the engagement of the Washington belle Miss Juliette Williams to Joseph Leiter because of the fact that not long ago Mr. Leiter paid considerable attention to Miss Katherine Elkins, who is generally supposed now to be engaged to marry the Duke of the Abruzzi.



MISS JULIETTE WILLIAMS AND JOSEPH LEITER. and the handsome and popular son of the late Levi Z. Leiter would not have surprised Washington society a short time ago, but if Miss Elkins ever favored young Leiter the fascinations he exerted were soon eclipsed by those of the Italian nobleman and explorer who sued for her hand.

Miss Williams is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. J. R. Williams of Washington. Mr. Leiter was born in Chicago in 1808 and graduated from Harvard in 1891. He won fame in 1897 as the hero of one of the most noted deals ever transacted on the Chicago board of trade.

GENERAL BARRY'S CAREER.

Pacifier and Peace Maintainer in Cuba and Hero of the Orient. The president's nomination of Thomas H. Barry to be a major general is popular in Cuba, where General Barry is in command of what is called the army of pacification.



GENERAL THOMAS H. BARRY. The active work has recently been done by the soldiers from the United States, the preservation of order in the island being left for the most part to the rurales, but the presence of Uncle Sam's troops has constituted an important moral force and has, it is believed, been valuable in preventing disturbances.

General Barry reached the rank of brigadier general in 1903 and was appointed to the command of the Cuban army of pacification in 1907. He was born in New York in 1855 and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1877.

VESSELS OF CONCRETE.

Boats Made of This Material Are Cheap and Fireproof. It is possible to build vessels of reinforced concrete of any desired form and dimensions, says the Chicago News. The frames and longitudinal beams are made of concrete reinforced with round bars of iron, and the skin consists of a single or double layer of concrete stiffened with wire netting and made perfectly smooth and water tight by an external coat of pure cement.

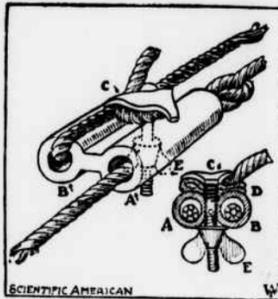
Reinforced concrete armor on warships has recently been suggested. An Italian engineer has been led by the success of concrete land fortification, as revealed in the Russian-Japanese war, to construct armor plates of reinforced concrete covered with thin plates of steel as a protection against the immediate effects of the impact of shells.

CLOTHESLINE CLAMP.

Prevents Slip and is Easily Tightened or Loosened.

A very simple clamp for clotheslines is illustrated in the accompanying engraving. The device can be readily manipulated to fasten together the two ends of a clothesline. The construction of the clamp is such that when applied to a line there will be little danger of its slipping from its set position, and it may be readily tightened or loosened as occasion may demand.

The clamp consists of two parallel barrels, A and B, connected by a web. These barrels are open at both ends. In the center of the web is an opening adapted to receive a bolt, C. The



CLAMP FOR CLOTHESLINES.

bolt hole is provided with a keyway, in which a pin fitted in the bolt is received. This prevents the bolt from rotating with respect of the web, but permits it to slide axially therein. The bolt head is formed with wings, preferably three in number, which are bent downward. A spring, D, is coiled about the shank of the bolt beneath the head and serves to space the latter above the web. Threaded on to the bolt and bearing against the underside of the web is a wing nut, E.

The method of applying the clamp is very simple. One end of the rope or clothesline is passed through one of the barrels and knotted to prevent it from slipping out. The opposite end of the line is then passed through the other barrel, and the end is wound around the bolt under the concave face of the head. A few turns of the wing nut E then serve to clamp the head C on the rope and hold it in set position.

Potato Growing Without Soil.

A somewhat novel method of growing young potatoes during the autumn and winter months has been lately discovered. It has been found, says a writer in the One and All Gardening, that two-year-old tubers, if taken in the early autumn and placed in a dark, dry place, will speedily commence to bud off little potatoes. These may be allowed to increase in size until they are about as big as a large walnut, when they may be gathered for the table.

Heatless Safety Lamp.

A new form of safety lamp, giving no heat and possessing no flame, has been invented by Professor Hans Molisch and described before the Academy of Sciences at Vienna.

It consists of a glass jar lined with a compound of saltpeter and gelatin in which a colony of luminous bacteria is caused to develop. Such a lamp gives a bluish green light, sufficient to render coarse print legible and to make faces recognizable at two yards distance, and the luminosity lasts for several days.

Burned For Seventy-eight Days.

Surrounded by an immense wall of ice eight to ten feet thick, a fire in a five story building in Troy, N. Y., filled with bales of cotton waste defied the efforts of the fire department to extinguish it for seventy-eight days and on the last day took a combined force of fifteen streams of water to quench the flames.

RACE IMPROVING PLAN.

Mrs. Wieland Will Adopt Sixty Babes Yearly.

LIFE PREDESTINED BY NAME.

Infants Will Receive New Cognomens and Be Put to Work Early at Rensselaer Falls—To Rear Large Family on Vibratory and Color Principles.

To improve the human race Mrs. F. F. Wieland is planning to adopt sixty children a year for ten years. She, with her husband, John C. Wieland of Rensselaer Falls, N. Y., and Benjamin Franklin of New York city, has incorporated the Commonwealth under the laws of the state of New York.

Eight acres of land, a house, a mill and a stream, with sufficient water power to light a town, are in the possession of the corporation at Rensselaer Falls. Here the adopted children are to be "trained to right mental, physical and manual effort as a practical demonstration of the laws of vibration."

Mrs. Wieland gave an enthusiastic exposition of her theories, prospects and hopes at the Sign of the Green Teapot, in New York, the other afternoon. Names, numbers and colors are fundamental principles in her plan. She wore a surplice of pale blue, because that is her color. Some pamphlets which she had printed had failed in efficiency because they were yellow and red, inharmonious colors for her.

All the sixty children who are to be adopted are to have new names. Mrs. Wieland prefers to get possession of babies, the younger the better. With her system, she said, it would be just as easy to manage twelve as one. Mothers gasped at this, but Mrs. Wieland insisted that a comprehension of the laws of vibration and mental science reduced work to the vanishing point.

It is proposed later to have mothers as well as infants in the Commonwealth, so that they may be properly instructed in the duties of motherhood. Mrs. Wieland is her own nurse and physician and files the birth certificates herself. She displayed four certificates to prove her case. Her children begin to work as soon as they can walk, and that principle followed with sixty babies would prove quite profitable. One of her children, she related, carried wood into the house and arranged it neatly in rows at the age of eighteen months. At the age of two and a half years the children begin gardening. When they are five and six years old they raise corn, two ears being shown as a part of the crop raised by children of that age.

The first of the sixty has already been adopted. She is a Russian Jew, three months old, and has not yet been named, because it is necessary to get the date of her birth from Gouverneur hospital before the right name can be selected.

Mrs. Aso-Netch W. Cochran, who gives "character readings in vibration through name and birth number, with color and keynote," explained that there are so many failures in life because persons are handicapped by being badly named. Given the date of birth, Mrs. Cochran will mathematically reckon the correct name one should bear.

Children are often irritable and even ill because their mothers deck them out in frocks and hair ribbons of the wrong color. It is as essential to discover the proper color as the correct name for each individual. All of that will be worked out carefully in the Commonwealth.

SENSATION IN DUELS.

Medical Students Challenge Christian Scientists to One With Germs.

C. E. Meixell and Robert G. Lang, students in the Baltimore Medical college, have challenged followers of Christian Science to a duel to the death with a pure tested culture of Streptococcus pyogenes. The germ to be used is considered deadly. The challengers propose to be inoculated with it if two followers of Christian Science will do likewise. In their challenge Meixell and Lang say:

"We are perfectly willing in order to demonstrate the fallacy of the doctrines of Christian Scientists to allow ourselves to be inoculated with a pure tested culture of Streptococcus pyogenes, provided any two followers of the faith do the same. We are to rely upon medicinal treatment and our Christian Science friends upon their mode of treatment for relief. It seems to us that a test fair and square is the only means to prove or disprove the value and properties of medicinal treatment or the foolishness and fallacy of the faith cure."

A Strict Partisan.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska has a little daughter who is deeply interested in politics and is accordingly quite an intense partisan. Not long since her father took the young lady up to the senate gallery in Washington to give her a chance to listen to the debate.

Senator Tillman had the floor, and he was holding forth in his usual picturesque and emphatic style. "Is he talking for our side?" inquired the Nebraska senator's little girl anxiously.

"I am afraid not, my dear," said Senator Burkett, with a sigh. "You see, he is a Democrat."

"Oh, I understand," said the little miss, with a defiant shake of her head, and then added: "Let's go home. What's the use of staying here?"

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The greatest fault we can find with our currency is that the current is neither strong enough nor rapid enough.

He who fights and gets a licking is rarely on deck for another kicking.



Don't sympathize with yourself too much. The returns are greater when you engage outside talent.

People who live in small flats have to cremate the family skeleton, for there is no place to keep it.

People who take themselves seriously usually do so good a job of it that it isn't necessary for any one else to participate.

People who want to give advice are as plentiful as those who want to stand for a touch are scarce.

The more a woman talks the more there seems to be to say on the subject.

The things that a married man thinks he does, but doesn't, are a source of great discomfort and weariness to him.

Only people who don't have to move next month can enjoy the pleasant April weather; the rest of the world is too busy.

Some people are the most impressive when they are silent.

Utility. The blossoms on the apple trees And in the spring the peonies all Go daffy o'er the daffodils. And, truly, nature's flower bed Is very hard indeed to match. But are these blossoms, after all, As pretty as an onion patch?

In shaded nooks the violet, Retiring, modest, sweet and shy, Shrinks at the thought of compliments And blushes at the passerby. The bright and yellow buttercup Lifts up its head the morn to greet. But can these lovely blooms compare With radishes just fit to eat?

The haughty, highly cultured rose Flaunts to the world its petals red. But would you pause to look at it If you could see a cabbage bed? The many colored flowering pea Is called by its admirers sweet. If that's their notion, let it go. I'll take the kind that's good to eat.

And there are other flowering plants Whose names just now have slipped my mind, But any one may look at them Who doesn't happen to be blind. But who would while away his time In gazing at the posies bright When there were carrots, turnips, beans And such substantial things in sight?

Qualified and Protected. "Do you think you are prepared for matrimony, my daughter?" "Entirely so, father." "What are your qualifications?" "I have taken a correspondence course in cooking." "Very good." "And also in managing a husband." "I see." "And I am thoroughly conversant as to the best methods of obtaining a divorce."



Take a Hintski. The parks their winter garments doff And turn to summer bowers. So cut your winter whiskers off And blossom with the flowers.

Certainly. "There's no sense in telling a pretty girl that she's pretty." "Yes, there is." "What?" "Proves to her that you are a person of judgment."

Where He Took It. Her husband was so very nice. He always took his wife's advice—That is, he took it steam hot And threw it in a vacant lot.

Must Do Both. "Is the flying machine the coming mode of locomotion?" "Well, not until it is a good mode."

Prospective Distress. The price of prunes is boosted by A frost severe and killing. Now, what will politicians do When they must have new filling?

One That Works Overtime. "I believe all signs fall in dry weather." "Yes, except signs of the drought."

Never Fails. Although the season may be poor And other things be slow, The wild oats crop is always sure. It cannot help but grow.

A FRANK ADMISSION.

Of course I is sorry for troubles uv od-ders. I hates to see any one down on deir luck. I know dat de man uv de world are me brudder. An' I helps 'em, if possible, out uv de muck. But when it comes down to a question uv cases I lays all my sympathies up on de sheif. For uv all de fall guys wot's in trouble's embraces De guy dat I'm sorriest fer is meself.



I kin feel fer de troubles uv friends an' relations. But not half so bad as I does fer me own. I hates to see od-der mugs short on der rations. But to famish meself is wot loins me to groan. A guy wot's in love an' don't seem to be winnin', I'm sorry fer him, but me sorrier is tame. To de way dat I feel wen I'm havin' an in-inal' An' loasin' meself at de same kind uv game.

Wen some odder gleser makes barrels uv money, I'm glad fer his sake as a feller kin be; But, say, it don't make me one quarter as sunny. As it wud if de same t'ing had happened to me! I'm proud uv de t'ings dat me friends do, but prouder, I hull bloomin' lot, of de t'ings dat I do. I laughs at folks' jokes, but I laughs a lot louder. At de jokes wot I makes all meself, an' dat's true!

Ready to Open an Account. "Please write your name on that line," said the bank teller, pushing a book and a pen toward the old woman. "Do yez want me to sign me first name?" she asked as she took the pen. "Yes, your full name and middle initial, if you have any." "Do yez want me husband's name?" "Yes, his last name, but your own first name."

"Oh, me name before I was married?" "No, your given name—Ellen or Bridget." "Sure, but me name is naythur wan o' them!" "Well, what is it then?" "Sure, it's Mary." "Very well. There are others waiting in the line, so please hurry and write your name." "Wan minute. Do yez want the 'Mrs.?' "No, never mind that. Now, go ahead." "Sure, I'd do that, honest, I would; but, you see, sor, I can't write!"—Success Magazine.



The Waiter—One peanut on the half shell and a ton of hay, No. 3! Rabbit—And think of me about to order one grain of rice!—Harper's Weekly.

Stopped a Runaway. Patience—She stopped a runaway once. Patrice—She must be brave. "Brave? Why?" "To stop a runaway." "Oh, I mean a fellow wanted her to elope, and she wouldn't do it!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Neighborhood Talk. "Your husband says he works like a dog," said one woman. "Yes, it's very similar," answered the other. "He comes in with muddy feet, makes himself comfortable by the fire and waits to be fed."—Washington Star.

Retort Courteous. His Wife (during the spat)—I suppose you consider yourself even wiser than Solomon? Her Husband—Not at all, my dear. I haven't a lot of wives to advise me.—Boston Herald.

The Way of It. Knicker—Do you think dogs should be muzzled? Bocker—If you proposed to muzzle mosquitoes there would be sentimentalists to oppose it.—New York Sun.

The Moldering Sculptor. Prospective Tenant—I should want the studio for sculpture. Caretaker—Yes, sir; some of the lot for that. There's a sculptor moldering next door, sir.—London Tatler.

Took 'Em All. "Did your vaccination take?" "You bet it did," replied the man up-posed to the operation. "It took the policemen and a mighty husky doctor."—Philadelphia Ledger.