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## TINIEST OF BABIES.

WEIGHT AT BIRTH, 1 1-2 LBS.; AT TWO WEEKS, 2 1-4 LBS.

### THIS WITH HER CLOTHES ON.

BESSIE VALENTINE CHANDLER THE NAME OF THE MIDGET.

She Was Born on St. Valentine Day and Is a Wonder—He Just Covers a Quarter—Drop at a Time—Once Bore Trip

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There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chandler, at their home on Main street, Independence, on St. Valentine's day, just two weeks ago, a baby which yesterday afternoon tipped the scales with all its clothes on, at exactly two-fourth pounds. Of all the tiny, blinking bits of humanity ever born in this section of the country, Bessie Valentine Chandler, for such the little mite has already been named in honor of her natal day, is the tiniest. At birth the baby weighed at the most, says the attending physician, one and a half pounds.

The baby was born at 3 o'clock in the

LOST IN THE BABY CARRIAGE.

afternoon on St. Valentine's day. When Dr. B. F. O'Daniel saw what a diminutive thing it was he feared that it could not live, but the wee mite, despite the doctor's predictions, has pulled through so far just as an ordinary eight or ten pound child would have done, and now the doctor says he sees no reason why, with proper care, it should not be reared and become as big and healthy a girl as any child.

Measuring from the crown of her head to the soles of her feet little Bessie is exactly fifteen inches long. Around her head, which does not look so unusually small, she measures fourteen and one-quarter inches. Her little arm is just three inches long from the shoulder to the wrist. To illustrate the size of her little hand a silver quarter was placed on a table and one hand of the midget was spread out on it. The entire hand came inside the edges of the quarter. This remarkable baby could easily sit down in an ordinary pint cup and have plenty of room to kick around.

In length the baby is but a mite, but it is in the diminutiveness, particularly of the arms and legs, that it is so remarkable to the eye. Bessie's thigh is not quite so big as the little finger of the average hand, and cannot be called even a fair specimen of a leg. The arms are small in proportion to the rest of the body, but are not so much larger than a lead pencil. The fingers and toes are perfectly formed, but are scarcely larger than ordinary sewing needles.

For the present Bessie's resting place is on a pillow in a baby carriage. Dressed in dolls' clothes and wrapped up in several thicknesses of flannel, she makes just a little dot on the center of the pillow. Her actions since birth have been like those of any ordinary baby, say her parents. She cried a good deal for the first twenty-four hours, but since she has slept and eaten regularly—a drop at a time—and is apparently a perfectly normal and healthy child. Her tiny mouth is so small that she is unable to nurse in the usual way, so the mother's milk is placed in a little sugar spoon and given to her in that way. For the first three days she had no nourishment except three drops of catnip tea given each day. Since the third day she has taken her milk at regular intervals. When sleeping, as she usually is, she breathes regularly and does not cry except when she is hungry or cold.

When the little one came the father and mother were almost paralyzed with astonishment. Several children had been born to them before and with one exception, they had been about the average size. This exception was when, eight years ago, Mrs. Chandler gave birth to triplets, the smallest of which weighed four and one-half pounds. All were perfectly developed. One died at the age of 6 month, one at 2½ years and the other is living now, a hearty, healthy boy.

The question of how to clothe the midget baby was the first problem which had to be solved. The mother had prepared the usual infant's wardrobe, but the baby would have been lost in any of the garments. For one day she remained wrapped up in flannel cloths. Then Miss Josie Kelley, who lives with the Chandlers, had a happy thought and borrowed from a neighbor's little girl a complete doll's wardrobe which just filled the bill. The little doll dresses and skirts were much too large, but by pinning them up and lapping them where necessary they were made to do admirably.

Now little Bessie has a wardrobe of her own, which was completed Saturday. Miss Kelley wrote to a dressmaker in Kansas City, asking if she had any patterns for such a little baby. The dressmaker replied that her smallest baby pattern called for a bust measure of nineteen inches. This would not answer at all for Baby Chandler. The dressmaker then took another hunt among her patterns and found that she had some for doll clothes running down as low as eight inches for the bust measure. Miss Kelly at once ordered a set of the smallest size patterns and the loving hands of a neighbor set to work at once to make little Bessie a complete outfit. One advantage of this is that when Bessie reaches the doll stage she won't have to make clothes for her "dollies," but can use her own.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler are of ordinary stature and size. They have not yet recovered from their surprise at having such a Lilliputian daughter.

"I can't understand it all," said Mr. Chandler last night. "Our other babies have been just about like other people's, except the triplets, and of course they had a right to be small, for there were so many of them. She's a cute little thing, though, now ain't she? It seems to me that she acts about like other babies, and I don't see why she shouldn't be healthy and grow up all right. Did you notice her hair? It's red. I believe she's got as much of it as any baby could have on such a little head. You ought to see her eyes when she opens them! They are as blue as the sky and just as bright. She don't make much fuss, but if she's like other babies I guess she'll make up for that after awhile. They wanted us to call her Valencia, but my little boy likes Bessie Valentine and that name suits me."

Mrs. Chandler is still confined to her bed but she is very cheerful and it was evident last night that the mother love is very strong for the little babe.

"We will have to be mighty careful of her," she said, "but I believe she'll live all right. The doctor says she's just like any other baby and I've known little babies to grow up to be as big as anybody. She'd be lost in a regular cradle. We'll keep her in a baby buggy for a while and then, maybe, we'll have a little cradle made for her."

Miss Josie Kelley has taken most of the care of the little mite since its arrival and she fairly worships it. She takes it up on one hand and holds it out at arm's length and admires it.

"I just can't help looking at it," she said to the reporter for The Journal. "It's the cutest, cunningest little thing that ever was born, and it's going to be smart, too. I made a little hood for her yesterday and it's just about as big as a thimble."

Then little Bessie Valentine was given one drop to eat and was put to sleep again on her pillow.

## PENSIONS MAY BE DELAYED.

Unfortunate Complication Likely to Arise Through the Non-Confirmation of Agent Griffin.

Washington, Feb. 28.—A very embarrassing complication seems likely to arise through the expected failure of the senate to confirm the nomination of Levi T. Griffin as pension agent at Detroit, Mich. Mr. Griffin was appointed during the last recess of congress, and in case the senate fails to act, his term of office will expire on March 4 at noon. On that date the quarterly pensions of about 465,000 pensioners in Mr. Griffin's district become due and payable, and as he is the only bonded officer who is authorized to make these payments, it seems altogether probable that the old soldiers in the Detroit district will be compelled to wait for their money until another appointment can be made and confirmed. Mr. Murphy, the pension commissioner, who in no way is responsible for this situation, is extremely anxious that there shall be no delay in pension payments, and hence hopes that the senate will take speedy action in the matter.

## JULIO SANGUILLY ARRIVES.

WILL MARCH WITH THE VETERANS IN THE INAUGURAL PARADE.

Gomez Sentences to Death Cuban Leaders in Santa Clara Who Do Not Attack Villages in Their Localities in 30 Days.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 28.—General Julio Sanguilly has arrived from Havana by the steamship Mascotte. He was at first indisposed to say anything further than what would express his lasting gratitude to Consul General Fitzhugh Lee, whom he described as a truly noble American and a man who should long ago have been in Cuba.

"Had he been there three years ago," Sanguilly exclaimed, "there would have been less shedding of American blood."

He was very much agitated as he expressed his feeling toward Consul General Lee. Asked how he was treated during his confinement, he begged earnestly not to be compelled to recall his experience during the last two years.

"Why," said he, "I have not been allowed to read one solitary newspaper except those published on the island. When I heard of the death of brave General Maceo, it almost made me collapse, not because I thought the death of any one man would check the progress of the Cuban cause, but because I knew then that the butcher Weyler would not be recalled, as Spain would try to pacify the people by pointing to Maceo's death as a great victory for the government."

Speaking of his plans for the future, General Sanguilly said: "I do not know them myself, but I am now going to Washington to attend the inaugural parade, having been invited by the old veteran boys to parade with them. I have been given a place of honor in the parade. After that I shall go to New York to see my brother, who has worked so faithfully for my release, and then I shall keep my promise to the people of Key West to return and pay them a visit, as I am always happy to see my fellow countrymen."

General Sanguilly's wife was equally loud in her praise of Consul General Lee.

Senor Morote, correspondent of El Liberal, of Madrid, on being interviewed, stated he had been a prisoner of Maximo Gomez, and that while in the camp of the insurgent leader he was treated with marked courtesy. He learned that the reforms proposed by Spain would never be accepted by the Cubans, and that nothing short of the independence of the island would bring about a cessation of hostilities.

Senor Morote said his study of the Cuban cause had convinced him that it was a just one. Referring to General Weyler, he said: "We have a general there who is causing devastation and ruin to the whole island, simply because he now sees that it is lost to Spain, and that the Cubans will win in spite of all opposition Spain can offer."

A deputation met General Sanguilly at the wharf. He was discovered and pointed out by the crowd the moment the steamer reached the dock. The throng in waiting shouted "Viva Julio Sanguilly," "Viva Consul General Lee," "Viva Cuba Libre," "Viva Los Estados Unidos."

Sanguilly was escorted with his family to a restaurant, where he dined. The restaurant was crowded with his friends and countrymen, eager to have a word with him and to embrace him. When questioned by a friend as to the Competitor's crew, he replied earnestly that if the United States government did not take prominent and energetic action to secure their release, he feared the worst would befall them.

Consul General Lee's son passed through Key West, en route to Washington. Among the passengers on board the Mascotte were Eva Adam de Rodriguez, who was arrested at Puerto Principe, and Buhigas Dalman, vice consul at Tampa.

London, March 1.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says that in order to make the Sanguilly concession less galling to the Spaniards, the Gazette, which announces his pardon, announces at the same time the settlement of some old standing claims.

The government denies that the United States has made a further peremptory demand for inquiry into the death of Ruiz. Other demands by the United States government have not been complied with, because sufficient grounds existed for sending prisoners for trial. For the future, foreign residents accused of assisting the home rule movement would be summarily expelled.

## ORDER OF GOMEZ.

Sentences to Death Cuban Leaders in Santa Clara Not Attacking Villages Within 30 Days.

Havana, Feb. 28.—It is understood that documents have been forwarded to the state department at Washington for examination with respect to the cases of Ruiz, Scott and other Americans similarly maltreated by the Spanish authorities.

The palace at Pinar del Rio has been fired upon by the insurgent leaders, Moto Suarez and Cordova Alejandro. General Rodriguez will succeed the late General Aguirre in command of the insurgents in the province of Havana. General Rodriguez comes from the eastern end of the island, and is appointed by General Maximo Gomez.

A train was derailed by the insurgents between Miguel and Jeruco, in the province of Havana, and a fight between the insurgents, who were in ambush, and the train detachment followed. Miss Cruiz, of Toledo, was killed.

General Rafael de Cardenas and Judge Gonzalo Jorrin, well known citizens of Havana, are now in the San Christobal hills, Pinar del Rio, at the camp of General Ruiz Rivera, offering terms of peace. The guide who took them there has returned, and reports that the interviews were of a friendly character.

It is stated that General Gomez has sentenced to death the Cuban leaders in Santa Clara not attacking the villages in their localities within thirty days.

Hot fighting is expected in the Remedios district. The insurgents are reinforcing their strongholds at Palo Prieto, over 2,000 reinforcements having arrived in that vicinity and gone into camp ready to make a joint attack with General Gomez.

Captain Santa Maria recently reconnoitered in the vicinity of San Antonio de las Vegas, Duran and Caimin, in the province of Havana. After three hours' search Captain Santa Maria succeeded in finding a band of insurgents in the vicinity of the Delta river. The Cubans were defeated, according to official advices, thirty-one of them being killed. Of the troops, thirteen soldiers were wounded, including Captain Santa Maria.

It is officially announced here that the statement to the effect that Captain General Weyler has resigned is absolutely false.

### Mrs. Beecher Still Lives.

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 28.—Notwithstanding that both the attending physicians and the nurses believed that Mrs. Beecher's vitality would have been exhausted days ago, she still retains a tenacious hold to life and the attendants are now loth to say anything definite about her condition. It was stated to-night, however, that she was weaker than at any time since she was confined to her room, and is conscious only at rare intervals.

## NEW DEAL ARRANGED.

HOW THE LOBBY HOPES TO DEFEAT STOCK YARDS LEGISLATION.

### WORKING FOR THE HANNA BILL.

COUNTING ON LEWELLING TO PUT IT THROUGH THE SENATE.

Then They Will Try to Prevent an Agreement in Conference—House May Adopt the Initiative and Referendum Resolution.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) The applejack lobby has arranged a new deal by which it expects to accomplish the defeat of all stock yards legislation this session. The scheme is to have the senate pass the Hanna bill and then arrange affairs so that the conference committee will not be able to agree. In this way nothing will be accomplished to relieve the shippers of Kansas from the extortionate charges.

The lobby expects Lewelling to use his influence Tuesday for the Hanna bill. If it should accidentally become law, then the ex-governor, as railroad commissioner, would have a soft snap of it. Lewelling's old supporters are talking for the Hanna bill to-night and everything indicates that he will do just what the lobby expects of him. Senators King and Crossan will lead the fight against the lobby and they are hopeful of breaking down the line by their heavy assaults. They will lay particular stress on the fact that this legislature has done nothing in the interest of the farmer and shipper and that here is an opportunity to redeem themselves, partially.

The lobby has spent the Sunday in legislative and other dissipation. They are very free with the name of Hanna. They explain that he was engaged to introduce this bill; say he has been known to be on all sides of one and the same proposition at one and the same time. In this way they insisted they caught sight of him as the very man to introduce a stool-pigeon decoy bill.

Of course this sort of treatment of Senator Hanna is unjust and nothing less than contemptible. Anyone who is compelled to be in Topeka attending to his official duties as a senator is liable to be talked about by a lot of purchased, venal political harlots who sell themselves to work against the interests of the state.

It is well known that when a politician so far forsakes God and humanity as to engage in the wholesale and retail business of handling venal and corrupt officeholders his word is unworthy of serious consideration, for as a rule he would not believe himself on oath. Hence it is that the lobby claim about Mr. Hanna will have to be proved by Mr. Hanna's official vote before anyone will believe it.

The same is true of the senators they claim to have "tabbed and priced." The statement of no hired buzzard should in the least cast reflection upon any man of a fairly decent record, and will not. The people, however, are really forced to believe these statements should the roll call bear out the claims of venality and corruption. It is generally conceded that the public should withhold its crucifying judgment on the "tabbed and priced" senators until they have been given a chance to meet the accusation with their official vote. It is the vote that counts. The intoxicated claims of the lobby, notorious as may be its supply of cash, and the ranting around during the campaign making promises to the people amount to nothing as compared with the vote.

The people of Kansas, knowing as they do the trick embraced in the Hanna stock yards bill, either put there by design or through ignorance, will understand very well what a vote means, and the roll call will thus be understood.

The queer argument is being made by the lobby that it would be well for Republicans to do anything to defeat legislation. This may do very well as a partial covering of the real meaning of the position, but when the outraged cattle interests of the state get a whack at the man who for any alleged reason plays into the hands of the most venal and notorious lobby that ever disgraced a legislature of the state, it is not hard to imagine a number of political cooling-boards in use. The guzzling outfit will care very little for the men who commit the crime, as will be evidenced on the day of their political execution.

## BROWN IS FIGHTING IT.

Wants No Congressional Reapportionment Until He Gets Jerry Simpson's Scalp.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) Chairman Marty, of the house district apportionment committee, will endeavor to-morrow to have his congressional reapportionment bill made a special order for Wednesday evening. In case he fails in this, he will ask that it be placed on third reading, subject to amendment and debate. He proposes to make the congressional aspirants show their hand. He says the committee on revision of the calendar will not advance the bill for the reason that W. F. Brown, of Pratt, chairman, is an aspirant for congress and is opposed to any reapportionment this session. Should such a bill pass, several counties in the Seventh district opposed to Simpson will be placed in the new Eighth, thereby strengthening Simpson's power. Brown wants to make a dead certain shot of it when he goes after Simpson, and he is opposed to any plan that will give the reckless statesman any advantage. Simpson declares that he does not care what is done. He says he intends to hang Brown's political pelt on the fence, no matter what happens. The fight against Simpson's renomination has already been organized and those behind it assert that the sage from Medicine Lodge has been elected for the last time.

While the principal objection to a redistricting bill comes from the southwest, yet the congressional aspirants from almost every other section of the state are protesting against any change. They say things are all right now and that they might be made worse by legislative tinkering.

The senate committee will attempt to get its bill through by the middle of the week and then have a conference committee appointed to agree upon one measure. Senator Lupfer, chairman of the committee, said to-day: "I know there is considerable opposition to any redistricting bill going through, on account of the numerous congressional aspirants in the two bodies, but I think their personal political desires should not be considered. It may be a long while before we gain another congressman and we might as well redistrict the state and adjust ourselves to the new order of things, politically speaking, first as last."

## INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Pops and Resubmission Republicans in the House Trying to Combine on It.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) The initiative and referendum question is liable to come up in the house almost any day this week. This is one of the questions where some deep politics is being played by both parties and no surprise need be expressed if the resolution carries. It has already gone through the senate, but may have to go back on account of a few amendments that will be added in order to secure for it the necessary two-thirds majority in the house. That class of Populists favorable to resubmission have struck up a quiet deal with the anti-prohibition Republicans in which they agree, in consideration of eight Republican votes necessary to obtain the two-thirds majority, so to amend the resolution as to make it apply only to the liquor question.

The Republicans asked that the amendments be prepared and submitted to them for inspection, and promised that if they covered the case fully, the eight votes necessary would be forthcoming. The Populists are now framing the amendments. They declare that there will be no opposition to the amended resolutions within their own ranks, as the initiative and referendum has always been one of the cardinal principles of their party, and not even the prohibition Populists could afford to throw any obstacles in the way of the adoption of a measure that even pointed in that direction.

## JAQUIN'S INSURANCE BILL.

Will Come Up for Consideration in the House To-night on Special Order.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) The Jaquins bill requiring foreign life insurance companies doing business in this state to invest 50 per cent of the funds derived from business here in Kansas securities, to be deposited with the state treasurer as a guarantee that they will pay their losses promptly, will come up for consideration on special order in the house to-morrow night. The insurance lobby has been very active during the past week and it declares that the bill will be defeated. The companies object to only one feature of the bill and that is the provision that requires them to leave their securities on deposit here. Almost all of them have more than 50 per cent of their Kansas reserve invested in Kansas securities now; some have five times the amount of the reserve. The securities are all right, but they want them close at home, where they can handle them.

## A LOBBYIST FROM BOSTON.

Agent of Garfield University Owner Doing Business With the Kansas Legislators.

Topeka, Feb. 28.—(Special.) W. H. Rowley, of Boston, agent of the owner of Garfield university, at Wichita, is in the city and is doing what he can in his effete Eastern way to make the legislature believe that the Wichita normal bill is a good thing to tie to. He has interviewed a number of the members, but some he has not. One of them is Representative Ury, of Bourbon. Ury is on the educational institution committee of the house and it was he who killed the Wichita bill, as well as other normal bills, in committee. Mr. Rowley afterward sent for Ury, but the Bourbon county statesman replied by return messenger that he was not hunting up or chasing down lobbyists. The Bostonian took offense at the reply and has not attempted to secure a hearing with Ury since.

## TO PURIFY ELECTIONS.

W. F. Brown Will Push His Bill Providing for the Registration of All Voters.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) As soon as the railroad fight is over, Brown, of Pratt, intends to urge the passage of his bill providing for the registration of all qualified voters in the state. He says that his experience is that political rottenness is not confined to the large cities. He gives it as his opinion that there are more illegal votes cast in the country precincts along the border of the state than in the cities. His bill provides that the city clerks of all second and third class cities and the clerks of the townships shall be required to register voters, and no person shall be permitted to cast a ballot at any election unless he has been registered. Brown believes he will be able to get the bill through.

## INSANE ASYLUM IN DEMAND.

Hot Fight Between Wellington and Clay Center for a New Institution.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) A hot fight is on between Wellington and Clay Center over the location of a proposed new insane asylum. Bills to establish asylums in both places have been introduced in the house and are now before committees on charitable institutions. Each town has a lobby at work in the interest of its bill and the committee is evenly divided. There is talk among the members of the committee of referring both bills back to the house without recommendation. If this is done the fight now being waged in committee will be transferred to the floor of the house and in that event both bills will probably be killed.

## HIS NAME IS RATT.

House Took Pity on Him and Will Change It, Despite a Caucus Decision.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) The only bill to change the name of a person which has passed the legislature this session was introduced by Representative Turner, of Phillips county. It was one changing the name of John F. Ratt to John Ward. The Populists in caucus decided not to bother with any legislation of this kind, but Ratt pleaded so earnestly with them that they promised to relieve him of his obnoxious name.

## KEEFER HASN'T QUIT.

Still Laboring to Pass His Bill Cutting Telegraph and Telephone Rates.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) The bill to regulate telegraph and telephone companies, and to prescribe the rates of toll to be charged, will be made a special order for one night this week in the house if Representative Keefer, of Leavenworth, can muster up enough influence to do it. Keefer has had a hard time with this, his pet bill, but he declares that while there is life to the legislature there is hope, and he will not give up until he falls in the last ditch.

### Farrelly's Anti-Trust Bill.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) Senator Farrelly's anti-trust bill, which passed the senate a few days ago, has been favorably reported by the house judiciary committee and will come up for consideration on special order next Thursday.

### Agricultural College Bill Killed.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) The committee on state affairs in the senate has killed Senator Pritchard's bill to locate a Western branch of the state agricultural college on the Fort Hays abandoned military reservation.

## SEVEN DAYS OVERDUE.

Yacht Bearing Millionaire Drexel, of Philadelphia, and a Party of Friends Is Missing.

New Orleans, Feb. 28.—This afternoon's Daily Item publishes a statement that the millionaire, John Drexel, with his family and a party of friends, in his private yacht, who started from his home in Philadelphia to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras festival, is now seven days overdue, and nothing has been heard from the party since it first left Philadelphia. Inquiries have been sent out from New York, Philadelphia and New Orleans, but so far have elicited no information as to the whereabouts of Mr. Drexel's yacht.

### Kansas Has a Stormy Passage.

Boston, Feb. 28.—The Warren line steamer Kansas reached her dock from Liverpool at noon to-day, nearly four days late, the result of battling against heavy gales and tremendous high seas, nearly the whole way across the Atlantic. Many times the steamer had to put head on the sea in order to prevent the high combers from breaking on board.


### Todd's Kill-a-Cold

Cures a cold in one day. 25 cents. All druggists sell it.


## WICHITA THUG SHOT.

WENT INTO A JOB THAT WILL COST HIM HIS LIFE.

### INTENDED VICTIM HAD A GUN.

WAS KNOCKED DOWN, BUT SUDDENLY REGAINED HIS SENSES.

Shot One of His Assailants Through the Lungs and the Other, After a Struggle, Ran Away—The Wounded Robber Is "Red" Price.

Wichita, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) Early this morning Charles Wilkins was waylaid by two thugs near the Masonic Temple, on First street, knocked down and robbed. While the thugs were rifling his pockets, he suddenly regained consciousness, and, whipping out a revolver, shot one of his assailants in the breast, fatally wounding him. The wounded man staggered backward and his pal grappled with Wilkins in an effort to take his gun away from him. A desperate struggle ensued, in which the robber secured possession of the weapon, but the cartridges had dropped out, making it harmless, whereupon he fled. Wilkins sought in vain for a policeman, and went to police headquarters, two blocks distant, to report the offense.

In the meantime the wounded robber managed to reach a doctor's office, several blocks north, reported that he had shot himself accidentally and fainted. The doctor doubted his story, and telephoned for the patrol wagon. As he was having his wound dressed, the highwayman was taken to the county jail, where he was identified as Robert Price, alias "Red" Price, who was employed last season as a roustabout for McMahon's circus while in winter headquarters. When confronted, Price confessed his guilt, but refused to divulge the name of his partner.

Wilkins is a barber, and the thugs knew he had money. Price stated that they had waited an hour for their victim to appear. The only weapon was a piece of rubber hose, plugged with lead in one end. The robber who got away secured $17 and a double handful of small change, which was found scattered about the scene of the hold-up this morning. Wilkins carried a mandolin, which was reduced to kindling wood in the scuffle.

The death of Price is expected at any moment. The bullet took effect in the right lung. The man's condition will not permit the physicians to probe for the bullet. The officers have no clue to the identity of the other robber.

## FOR A SERIES OF CRIMES.

Four Men of Good Families Charged With Constituting a Gang of Ohio Robbers.

Toledo, O., Feb. 28.—For some time past people in the vicinity of Shreve and Londonville have been living in a state of terror owing to the depredations of a gang of ruffians, who always succeeded in well covering their tracks. Officials, after long work on the case, have arrested Richard Lee, Elmer Geiselman, Elmer Berry and John Levers, all of very respectable families; they are charged with several awful crimes.

At the farm residence of Michael Shelly a gang made a haul of $9,000 and nearly killed both Shelly and wife, the latter dying from the injuries received.

Shelly soon afterward put a bullet through his own brain. The house of Christian Mellinger was broken into some time later. Mellinger and his wife were both so terribly tortured to make them reveal the hiding place of their money that they died shortly afterward.

Robert Ewing, aged 80, was aroused one night, and as he stepped to his door was shot through the heart.

A visit to the home of Christian Fair netted the miscreants $2,000, and Mrs. Fair soon died from the shock. Peter Painter was robbed of $1,500, and a vain attempt was made to secure $5,000 Isaac Munson had just received from the sale of a farm. The brutes afterward went to the home of Mrs. Bushwalter, beat down the door, and terribly mistreated the two women of the house.

The latest job they undertook was a robbery of the home of Mrs. Baxter, a widow, who pluckily resisted, and so badly injured one of the masked gang that he was trailed a mile by the blood. Four have been indicted by the grand jury and the other man is known.

## BLACKMAIL DROVE HIM MAD.

Indiana Farmer Takes a Sandwich and Goes Crazy From the Persecution That Followed.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 28.—Henry Lamping, a cigar manufacturer of this city, was taken to Fountain county to-day to answer to a charge of blackmail. The man is accused of blackmailing Joseph Taylor, a Fountain county farmer, was taken to the insane hospital a few days ago, incurably insane from the dread of exposure by the alleged blackmailer.

Last fall Taylor appropriated a sandwich from a lunch stand at a Republican rally in his county. Mallatt & McAllister, the owners of the stand, pretended that they would expose him, and after amusing themselves with him for a time promised they would not prosecute him.

A week ago Taylor began talking unintelligibly, but finally explained that he was worried because a note he had given to a man named Henry Lamping was coming due; that Lamping had called on him, representing that he came from the owners of the lunch stand, who wanted $50, and that he had paid part cash and given his note for the remainder.

The day after this confession to his relatives he became violently insane. Mallatt & McAllister say they knew nothing of the transaction. Mallatt is a township trustee and an influential politician in Fountain county.

Lamping says he is an old friend of Taylor and that the latter told him the lunch stand people were blackmailing him; that he wanted $50, whereupon Lamping loaned him $2 0and took his note for it.

### Robbers at Reading, Kas.

Reading, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) The house of O. D. Elliott was robbed to-day while the family was at church and a large quantity of valuable clothing and jewelry taken. A few nights ago a span of blooded horses was stolen from the stable of William Machamer, four miles east of here, and John Nichols' house was broken into last night, but the burglars got nothing. The officers are on the track of two tramps who are supposed to be the robbers.

### Identified as "Denver Kid."

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 28.—(Special.) George Miller, who, with Pat Clancy, the noted safeblower and diamond thief, is serving a jail sentence for robbing John Steelman in this city on the 17th, has been fully identified by Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago detectives as "Denver Kid," alias J. N. Kellogg, one of the most expert pickpockets in the country.

### Kansan Attempts Suicide.

Kinsley, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) A. C. Fisher, until recently a member of the firm of Fisher & Sprague, implement dealers, last night attempted to commit suicide by taking morphine. Doctors worked most of the night with him, and this morning announced that he would recover. Family sickness and financial troubles are the supposed motives.

### Niotaze, Kas., Depot Robbed.

Wichita, Kas., Feb. 28.—(Special.) The depot at Niotaze was broken into last night and the cash drawer and express safe rifled. The loss is believed to be small. There is no clue to the robbers.

## $5,000,000 FOR PARKS.

Indianapolis Council Agrees on a System and Will Appropriate $350,000 for a Start.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 28.—The Indianapolis city council, at a special session, has approved the plan for a $5,000,000 system of parks, extending twenty-five miles, and designed ultimately to entirely circumscribe the city. The initial appropriation decided on, and which will be passed Monday night, is for $350,000, to purchase that part of the ground lying west and north of the city, along White river and Fall creek. The Fall creek section runs through the heart of the beautiful and elevated residence portion on the North side.

The system is to include boulevards and parks, with bicycle paths, to connect with the present improved bicycle path leading to Broad Ripple, along the towpath, and which is acknowledged to be the most picturesque "bike" ride in the country.

The city comptroller will be empowered to issue 150 bonds of $1,000 each at once, so that the work on the system may be started as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

## MASON PETERS IN A FIGHT.

THE KANSAS CONGRESSMAN WHIPS A STOCK YARDS BULLY.

Pauses While on the Way to Church to Trounce a Hulking Big Fellow Who Had Maltreated a Small Boy.

Congressman-elect Peters paused while on his way to church to whip a bully. He did the job nicely. Then he proceeded on his way rejoicing, arriving at church in time for the opening hymn.

It would never do to call Congressman Mason Peters, of Kansas City, Kas., the "fighting congressman," for he is one of the greatest lovers of peace in the land. Besides, he weighs only a little over 100 pounds and has never developed a taste for pugilism. But the fellow who yesterday felt Mr. Peters' fists pounding on his head had cause to believe he met a professional pugilist out for exercise. The bully was nearly twice the size of the congressman, but he got his eye blackened, his nose peeled and his trousers well kicked, all in about two minutes after the Second district Populist congressman got hold of him. Populism won the day in jig time.

It took place while Congressman and Mrs. Peters were on their way over to Dr. Neel's church Sunday morning. They were driving along the street near the stock yards when they saw a great big man run out a building, seize a small boy, smack him soundly and then kick him brutally into the street. The lad howled with pain and lay on the pavement almost helpless.

Mr. Peters is of Kentucky ancestry, born in Missouri and lives in Kansas. That sort of a combination means an inherent love of fair play. When that great strapping fellow kicked the boy into the street, he handed the reins to his wife, sprang out of the buggy, ran to the fellow and gave him a right hander in the face that sent him reeling against the house. Then he whacked him again, gave him an uppercut and a left hook for good measure and planted his boot heavily on the hulking coward. Then he told the fellow that if he ever saw him lick another boy he would give him a thrashing he would remember all his born days.

Then Mr. Peters climbed back into the carriage and drove on to church. The interruption did not make them late at the services, but it gave the congressman sore knuckles.

There isn't a boy who lives near the stock yards or is employed there who isn't personally acquainted with Congressman Peters, and is his sworn friend. Ever since Mr. Peters has lived at his splendid home over in Greystone heights, he has given the stock yards' boys an annual outing in his orchard, and the day at the orchard is one that is looked forward to with great interest. When it comes around the boys are notified, and the colored man from Greystone heights comes driving down to the yards with the big farm wagon on which a hay frame has been placed. The boys clamber on and away they go for the drive. They are welcomed to the home and turned loose in the orchard and told to help themselves. After they have feasted they are given a lunch at the house, and later are allowed to ride back to the yards on the big wagon.

Every boy who has had that privilege has enjoyed it and remembers the man whose kindness gives them that day's feed and pleasure. There have ever been the most cordial relations between Mr. Peters and the boys, and so far as the congressman is concerned those relations will never be disturbed.

Mr. Peters is a lover of fair play, and while he is one of the most genial men at the stock yards, he would never hesitate to resist a cowardly trick just as he did with the big bully. He is of the opinion that boys have enough bumps to encounter while growing up, without being given brutal kicks by burly ruffians.

## FEWER CONGRESSMEN.

Louisiana Republican Committee In Favor of Cutting the Representation in That State.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 28.—The Louisiana Republican state committee, as soon as its leading members return from Washington next week, will prepare a bill to reduce the congressional representation of this state to half its present number, because half of the voters of the state have been disfranchised by the election law passed last spring. The fourteenth amendment provides that whenever the right to vote for presidential electors or congressmen is denied to any of the male inhabitants of a state the representation of that state may be reduced proportionately to the number of persons disfranchised.

The last legislature passed a cumbersome and intricate election law which in November caused a falling off of nearly 60 per cent of the vote cast in the preceding election. Most of this loss fell upon the Republican party. A constitutional convention will be held next January at which the principal question considered will be the abridgment of suffrage by an educational or other qualification. The Republicans hope to checkmate this convention and compel fair play by laying before the next congress a bill to reduce Louisiana's representation. A movement has already been started to reduce the representation of Mississippi, and it is possible that other Southern states which have materially abridged the right to vote will be embraced in the measure.

### Bradley Will Not Appoint.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 28.—The Commercial to-morrow will say: "It is the general opinion among politicians at Frankfort that Governor Bradley will not appoint a senator, but convene the legislature soon after the term of Senator Blackburn expires and give that body a chance to elect a senator. This change of plan is said to have been brought about by the Republican steering committee of the United States senate."

### Banqueted by the King.

Rome, Feb. 28.—Their majesties, King Humbert and Queen Margherita, of Italy, gave a banquet to-day in honor of Wayne MacVeagh, the American ambassador. The principal foreign diplomats and leading representatives of the Italian nobility were present. The function was very elaborate and King Humbert warmly assured Mr. MacVeigh of his personal regret at the prospect of the latter's retirement from Rome.

### Millionaire Jewett Dead.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Sherman S. Jewett, one of the city's best known and most successful business men, died this morning. He was born in Moravia, Cayuga county, N. Y., January 17, 1817. His connection with the financial organizations of this city was very conspicuous. He was a prominent figure in the railroad and steamboat world, being a director of the New York Central road since 1884. His wealth is estimated at $3,000,000.

### The Flood Is Over.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 28.—At midnight the river registered 56 feet 6 inches, and falling 2 inches an hour. This is a fall of 4 feet 8 eight inches since 8 o'clock Friday night. Navigation will be fully resumed to-morrow night. If no more rain falls, the flood is over.

## BUSTLE HAS BEGUN.

WASHINGTON FILLING UP FOR THE INAUGURATION.

### CITY TAKES ON A HOLIDAY AIR.

SCORES OF NOTABLES ARE ALREADY ON THE GROUND.

Preparations for Thursday's Ceremony Well in Hand—Elegant Quarters Awaiting the Arrival of the McKinley Party.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Inauguration preparations are going on apace. With the present twenty-four hours, the crowds have begun to show themselves noticeably in the streets; the depot platforms and hotel lobbies are becoming more and more congested with each incoming train. Decorations begin to flaunt along the avenue, that is, of course, Pennsylvania avenue, which no Washingtonian ever thinks of calling by its full name.

The grand arena of the inaugural display will be the short section of the avenue between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets, flanked on the south by the White House and on the north by Lafayette square. Here both sides of the street are a solid front of covered stands. This year the stands are of uniform design and decoration, save that from which the president will review the parade. This, with its white front, Corinthian columns and severely classical outlines, is not unlike a miniature of the White House in its rear. The other stands, those for the multitude, are covered in imitation of stone work, roofed over against the possibility of bad weather. The decorations, as they finally will appear, are so far but a suggestion. Now there are sunbursts of bunting over the fronts of the larger stores and hotels and flags floating from every building that owns a flagpole. These are but symptoms. There will be more to follow.

After nightfall, too, there are already to be seen garlands and clusters of incandescent lights, but these, too, are only an earnest of somewhat better things to come.

The inaugural committee has practically wound up its work, but the headquarters in the Glover building are still open for the reception of more or less distinguished visitors. Among these to-day were Generals Horace Porter and O. O. Howard, National Chairman Mark Hanna and Mr. McKinley's secretary, J. Addison Porter. All of these have an official interest in the work of the committee, and expressed themselves as well satisfied with the arrangements. So far as the launching of the new administration can be provided for in advance, there seems nothing left undone to assure success.

Practically all of the southwest corner of the Ebbitt house, on the third floor, has been reserved for the McKinley party. The suite of three rooms that has been set apart for the president-elect has been arranged with excellent taste. Blue and gray are the prevailing tones. All of the desks and tables are of polished cherry and bird's-eye maple, while the piano, which stands in one corner, is of white enamel, with a fluffy white Angora rug spread over the blue carpet in front of it. Tropical plants in the jardinieres, but not too many of them, are grouped in the corners of the apartments, and connecting with the suite is a marble-lined bath. The whole is not too large to be home-like, and may be aptly described as cosy. The location is such as to have the best of the sunlight all day, and Major McKinley could hardly be more comfortably lodged before getting finally settled in his new home.

The side halls leading to this part of the house have all been boarded up and the entrance to