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Detroit makes 6,000,000,000 pills a year, all guaranteed to cure. Why die?

The world is not near so old as some of the people who go growling and grumbling over it.

A New Jersey man, aged 81, had his wife, aged 65, arrested for spanking him. Another mollycoddle!

A California man fasted for 43 days and then ate clam broth. One might naturally think that he would have taken food.

A straw hat was seen on the streets of Philadelphia the other day. Is it possible that they think there that it is still last summer?

Two cats have been declared legally dead in Philadelphia. And yet the supply of gossip in that city is probably not appreciably diminished.

Though you may be surprised to hear it, nowhere has it been decreed by city, state or nation that our womenfolk must wear those big, impossible hats.

The latest definition of love is "protoplasmic hunger." After marriage it is supplanted by a craving for a more substantial diet than the protoplasmic bill of fare seems to offer.

That Scotchman who invented a gun that will shoot a projectile from London that will land in Paris may suddenly take it into his head to invent bagpipes that can be heard the same distance.

According to reports, President Eliot of Harvard wants to limit the college football teams to two games a season. If such ideas are carried out the cause of higher education will be at a discount.

The husky athlete who shows up at the dock with a crowd of admiring friends and a camera man will discover, on a little inquiry, that the small boy with the fish pole has beaten him into the water.

"Saloons have swing doors which yield to a very gentle push. Why not schoolhouses?" is the pertinent question asked by a correspondent of the New York Times. It ought to be as easy to get out of a schoolhouse as into a saloon.

A Clevelander has invented an airship which he says will stay up for months. We don't wish to be critical, but it does seem as if the most enthusiastic aeronaut would want to come down to earth at least once in two or three weeks.

A New York physician is said to have removed a human heart from the body and repaired an injury without any harm resulting to the patient. That's nothing—there are plenty of girls who can give their hearts to three or four men at one time.

The New York teachers who prefer to decline the offer of a free trip to Europe to study the school systems there, with salaries paid in full while they are away, because they are too high and mighty to travel second-class, should cheerfully be allowed to stay at home.

"After getting married and unmarried a few times some rich folks actually get tired of the sport," says the Washington Post. This may be so, but, remarks the Baltimore American, it is impossible to see that recent examples give any grounds for such a conclusion.

If the Chicago woman who drank to intoxication in order to give her husband an object lesson had first consulted some one with common sense she would have learned without the humiliating experience that morality does not thrive on that kind of teaching, and perhaps have saved herself from a divorce scandal.

Penny-in-the-slot machines for selling gas are so popular in London, that there is almost a famine in copper coins in that city. The British mint is coining four tons a day in an attempt to supply the demand. In 1907, 1,336 tons of pennies were taken from the automatic gas meters. As the meters are opened only once in three months, it can be seen that the amount of coin taken out of circulation by them is considerable.

Automobiles have not driven all the horses to the bone-yard. There are nearly 20,000,000 horses in this country, and their estimated value is almost \$2,000,000,000 in the decade during which the motor car has been developed the number of horses has increased by 4,000,000, and the average value of a horse has risen. The case is a little like the experience of traction development in large cities. When new tunnels and subways are opened the old lines seem to be just as much crowded as ever.

NOT YET, BUT SOON, PERHAPS.



A CURRENCY CONFERENCE

SENATE AND HOUSE CONFEREES TO MEET DAILY.

Financial Legislation Will Probably Not Be Settled Until Last Day of Session.

Washington, D. C.—Conferees on the currency bill met Monday and the probability is that daily session will be held for the next several days. In fact it is not thought the question of financial legislation will be settled until a few hours before final adjournment. The differences between the senate and the house are many. The senate regards the provision of the house for the formation of clearing house districts and the issuance of National bank notes on commercial paper guaranteed by the clearing house associations to be a species of asset currency. It is said that Senator Aldrich and his fellow managers of the conference on the part of the senate are not unalterably opposed to the plan of the house bill if it can be safeguarded so as to remove the asset currency feature. Therefore, it is possible that the conferees will work out something that may be acceptable to both branches of congress. The conferees on the part of the senate are Messrs. Aldrich, Allison, Hale, Daniel and Teller; on the part of the house, Messrs. Vreeland, New York; Burton, Ohio; Weeks, Massachusetts; Pujo, Louisiana, and Glass, Virginia. All of these legislators including the four Democrats are in favor of the passage of some sort of emergency currency legislation at the present session.

Killed by a Gun Twirler.
Mound Valley, Kan.—The victim of accidental shooting, David Butts lies dead at his home two miles from this city. Butts, who was a young farmer, was struck in the breast by a ball from a 32-caliber revolver which was discharged while Eldred Davis, 18 years old, was seeing how fast he could twirl the gun on his finger. The victim was sitting in a rocking chair and after being shot walked out into yard and fell dead without speaking a word. His young wife was a witness to the tragedy. Davis had called at the home to visit Mrs. Butts' sister.

The Deadly Grade Crossing.
Flora, Ind.—Three persons met death and another was fatally injured in a crossing accident one mile north of here Sunday night when a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train struck a carriage hurling the occupants into the air. The vehicle contained the family of Township Trustee James L. Cripes, who met instant death, Mrs. Cripes, his wife, and two-year-old daughter, Ruth, also were killed. Another child was fatally hurt.

Secretary Taft Returns.
Charleston, S. C.—Secretary of War William H. Taft, arrived here from Panama at noon Sunday on board the cruiser Prairie and after spending a few hours in the city, during which time he was met and greeted by a number of officials and friends, left for Washington at 5:55 p. m., via the Atlantic Coast line. The secretary dined with Mayor Rhett and held an informal reception afterwards at the Charleston hotel.

Shot by His Sweetheart.
Joplin, Mo.—A bullet went through the body of Dee Meese here Tuesday afternoon during a struggle between him and his sweetheart, Miss Lena Clapper. Before submitting to an operation Meese signed a statement declaring he had been shot by Miss Clapper, who is in jail. Surgeons declared Meese's recovery would be phenomenal.

BURROWS WILL PRESIDE.

Announcement of the Officers of the Republican National Convention.

Chicago.—Temporary officers for the Republican national convention have been selected by the sub-committee on arrangements of the national committee as follows: Temporary chairman, Julius C. Burrows of Michigan; general secretary, John R. Malloy, Columbus, O.; chief assistant secretary, Lafayette B. Gleason, New York; assistant secretaries, Charles Brooks Smith, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Ernest Walker Smith, Hartford, Conn.; Philip M. Hoefele, St. Louis; M. J. Tobin, Vinton, Iowa; Charles M. Harger, Abilene, Kan.; Allen Hollis, Concord, N. H.; reading clerks, Thomas W. Williamson, Edwardsville, Ill.; George A. Wilson, Des Moines, Iowa; parliamentarian, Asher C. Hinda, Washington; official reporter, M. W. Blumenberg, Washington; messenger to chairman, Empsirell Stone, Indianapolis; messenger to the secretary, John H. Jackson, Cincinnati; sergeant-at-arms, William F. Stone, Baltimore, Md.; first assistant sergeant-at-arms, Edward P. Thayer, Greenfield, Ind.; chief of doorkeepers, Stephen R. Mason, Baltimore, Md.

The Arkansas Legislature.
Little Rock, Ark.—The special session of the Arkansas legislature was extinguished Monday afternoon when both houses adjourned sine die and the senators and representatives were instructed to go home. Much enthusiasm marked the closing scenes of the session, cheer after cheer arising from both chambers during the hot discussion that was indulged in on matters pending before the session. There was not a quorum present in either house and it was the almost unanimous sentiment that the calling together of the body was unwarranted.

Killed in Attempted Jail Break.
Yekaterinosky, Russia.—The attempt made Tuesday by prisoners to break out of the government jail here after making a breach in the wall of the guard room with a bomb, has resulted in the deaths of 29 of the fugitives. These prisoners were either killed outright or received wounds from which they have since died. Of the 28 wounded 11 are in a serious condition.

Illinois Central to Spread Out.
Chicago.—The stockholders of the Illinois Central in their annual meeting Monday approved the plans of the directors to purchase the Kensington & Eastern and the Memphis & State Line railroads. They also approved the proposal to increase the capital stock of the Illinois Central by the issue of 285,120 shares of new stock, making the total capital stock \$123,552,000.

Will Discuss Hog Cholera.
Washington, D. C.—A conference of the United States department of agriculture and of the agricultural experiment stations of several states to consider plans for supplying serum for the prevention and treatment of hog cholera will be held at Ames, Ia., May 28. The department will be represented by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry, and Dr. M. Dorset, chief of the biochemic division of that bureau.

An Extra Session in Oklahoma.
Guthrie, Ok.—It is very persistently rumored around the capital that Gov. Haskell will call an extra session of the legislature immediately following the adjournment of the present session next Tuesday. The session contemplated will be called for 30 days only and prominent officials state that the governor will issue the call for the extra session to begin June 4, giving a ten days' recess.

JUDGE FINKELBERG DEAD.

End Comes to the St. Louis Jurist in Denver.

Denver, Col.—G. A. Finkelberg, who resigned as judge of the United States district court at St. Louis, Mo., in 1907, on account of falling health, died in this city Monday. He was born near Cologne, Prussia, April 6, 1837.

St. Louis, Mo.—District Judge Gustavus A. Finkelberg, who died in Denver, retired from the bench here in 1907 because of his falling health. He was appointed United States district judge here in May, 1905, and accepted the appointment with the understanding that he would resign if found the duties interfered with his health. After serving less than two years his declining health necessitated his retirement and he was succeeded by Judge D. P. Dyer.

Judge Finkelberg was a native of Cologne, Prussia, and was educated in Germany and in St. Charles, Mo., graduating from the Cincinnati law college and was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1860.

He served in the Missouri legislature from 1864 to 1868 and spent the following six years in congress. He was the Republican candidate for governor of Missouri in 1876 and for supreme judge in 1878 but was defeated for both positions.

He was a member of the American Bar association. His widow survives him.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Committee to Recommend The Ten New Bishops Be Elected.

Baltimore, Md.—It was reported Monday night on what seems excellent authority that the report of the committee on the Episcopacy which will be presented to the Methodist Episcopal general conference will be in the nature of a surprise, in that it will recommend the election of ten bishops. Hitherto it has been generally believed that the number elected would be eight.

Second only in interest to the election of bishops, is the final action on the paragraph of the church discipline relating to amusements, touching which the address of the bishops recommended the excision of dancing, card playing and certain other words, from the paragraph. By a decisive vote the committee on the state of the church, to which the matter was referred, recommended to recommend to the conference that the paragraph on amusements remain as it now stands, and thus negated the recommendation of the bishops. The vote in committee was nearly 3 to 1 against making any change.

GUARANTY COMPANY LIABLE.

A Topeka Jury Gives Kansas a Verdict for \$139,000.

Topeka, Kan.—The jury in the suit of the state against the United States Fidelity & Guaranty company to recover \$139,000, the loss sustained by the state as the result of the failure of the First National bank, of which the defendant company was surety, Tuesday night brought in a verdict in favor of the state and holding the company responsible for the loss. The Fidelity company entered into bond with the state at the beginning of 1905 guaranteeing collections by the bank. When the bank failed on July 3, 1906, the state had a deposit of \$547,575.00 subsequently dividends amounting to \$448,859 were paid the state, leaving a loss of \$98,715.95. It is for this and interest, totaling \$139,003.06 that the state sued. The company contended that the agreement with the state as to collections had expired and the money was in the bank simply as an ordinary deposit. The jury decided the money was in on the collection agreement.

Pittsburg Bank Closed.
Pittsburg, Pa.—The Allegheny National bank, whose former cashier, William Montgomery, is in jail, specifically charged with the misappropriation of \$594,000, while officers of the bank and of the treasury department are trying to fathom still larger apparent discrepancies in the bank's funds, did not re-open for business Monday.

Sapp Case Jury Secured.
Iola, Kan.—The following is a list of the 12 men who will try Samuel Whitlow for the murder of May Sapp: C. C. Seymour, R. E. Sullivan, C. W. Smith, S. R. Rensberg, Mort Means, C. V. Baker, O. L. Foster, David Catton, J. O. Farris, William Stroup, William Proctor and L. A. Deneen.

Charged With Murder.
Springfield, Mo.—Edward Killien and Frank N. Shelton have been arrested at Ozark, Christian county, charged with the murder of William Bowen, an aged huskster, who was found dead in his cabin near Nixa last Thursday.

MISSOURI SOLID FOR BRYAN

STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION INSTRUCTS FOR NEBRASKAN.

Gov. Folk, Senator Stone, J. A. Reed and D. R. Francis the Big Four.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Vociferously applauding every mention of William J. Bryan's name, the delegates to the Democratic state convention here Wednesday instructed Missouri's 36 delegates to the national convention to vote as a unit for the nomination of the Nebraskan for president. The 32 delegates from the congressional districts were selected by the convention delegates at 16 district caucuses, whose selections were subject to the convention's approval, and the approval was unanimous. The convention also re-elected William A. Rothwell of Moberly, national committeeman, declared for a deep waterways and voted down a resolution to disfranchise ignorant and vicious negroes.

The convention was organized temporarily with 1,000 delegates present and with John M. Atkinson of Ripley county as temporary chairman and Ovid Bell of Fulton as secretary. State Senator F. M. McDavid was made permanent chairman and W. T. Jenkins of Platt county, secretary.

Gov. Joseph W. Folk and United States Senator W. J. Stone were chosen delegates-at-large by acclamation. James A. Reed of Kansas City and D. R. Francis of St. Louis were elected by ballot.

Alternate delegates-at-large were named as follows: Col. Moses C. Wetmore, St. Louis; ex-Gov. A. M. Dockery, Gallatin; Thomas T. Crittenden, Kansas City, and ex-Gov. Lon V. Stephens, St. Louis.

Chairman W. N. Evans of the Democratic state committee, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, resigned at a meeting of state committee Wednesday night and Acting Chairman Harry M. Rubey of Macon was elected to fill the vacancy.

Censure for Mr. Lilley.
Washington, D. C.—The conclusions of the special committee which has been investigating the charges of Representative Lilley of Connecticut, that members of the house had been improperly influenced in connection with submarine torpedo boat legislation that Mr. Lilley had violated his obligations as a member and had acted in bad faith with the committee and in contempt of the house were sustained Wednesday by the house by a vote of 157 to 82.

Senator Platt Testifies.
New York.—Physically so weak that practically he had to be carried in and out of the court room, United States Senator Thomas C. Platt was at times a spirited witness Wednesday when he appeared to testify in his own behalf in Mae C. Wood's suit for absolute divorce from him. His denial of all the charges brought by Miss Wood in her suit was emphatic and when prodded too hard by the plaintiff's counsel, the aged senator proved himself capable of vigorous response.

Maloney Marriage Not Legal.
New York.—Miss Helen Maloney, daughter of Martin Maloney, of Philadelphia, never was legally married to Arthur H. Osborne, according to the decision of Referee Cohalan, which was filed in the supreme court. The court affirmed the report.

Democrats Won in Denver.
Denver, Col.—Robert W. Speer, candidate of one faction of the local Democracy and of the Business Men's league, was re-elected mayor of Denver for four years by a majority of about 2,500 over Horace Phelps, Republican.

Disorder in Oklahoma House.
Guthrie, Ok.—A scene was created in the house Wednesday when Tillotson, Norvell and other members of the so-called house "Insurgents" attempted to throw Speaker Murray out of the house. They rushed toward the speaker's stand declaring their intention but were stopped by conservative members. A general row ensued and it was some time before order was restored.

Coal Strike Near An End.
Kansas City.—Coal mining troubles between operators and miners in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas are practically ended, after 70 days of negotiation. An agreement over a wage scale and working conditions for the next two years has been reached by committees of the coal operators and miners.

The Populists to Ratify.
Topeka, Kan.—The New People's party announces that it will have a state ratification meeting in Emporia June 11.