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## DELTA INDEPENDENT

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Even Lawyer Jerome has forced himself into the Thaw advertising line light.

Judge Black, granting the wishes of petitioners, called a grand jury in Gunnison county Monday.

This world would be all the better if there were more people in it who were willing and determined to stand upon their own feet and who were not eternally trying to follow someone else's lead.

Should clans be encouraged? The people seem to want them, as every society, church, creed organization and party indicates. Organization means clan. Well, do not even the heathen lands follow suit? Or do we pattern after them?

Press dispatches a few days ago related that a Mexican federal officer bumped over into El Paso with the declaration that he wanted to kill a gringo. No sooner had he begun to reach for his gun than half a dozen automatics were injecting lead into his person. It doesn't always pay to appear too ambitious.

The money question nearly always gets to the front, especially with a revolutionist. If the United States would make Wario the Mex. a substantial loan, it would be a potent factor in bringing about peace for a week or ten days. The plan has already been hinted at, and it is up to Professor Wilson and Lecturer Bryan to act.

State Treasurer Kenahan, who has been conducting several investigations

into the affairs of the various counties, says he intends to ask Governor Ammons to call a special session of the legislature to re-enact all laws pertaining to county government. He says the present laws are so inadequate that it is impossible for the county officials to legally conduct their work.

There is every indication that the Democratic program for a reduction of the tariff on sugar, metals, meats and hides is going through. This means a corresponding reduction in the commercial life of Colorado. Democratic orators claim that a low tariff will not affect these industries in Colorado. We would like to ask if there is a single Democrat who can point to a single new beet sugar factory under construction. When sugar was protected factories were being erected all over the state. With sugar facing the free list no factories are being constructed.

Antone Mihelle, a 15-year-old Austrian boy, fastened a railroad tie across the D. & R. G. track in Gunnison county last week. It was discovered and removed. The next day he put a lot of iron slugs on the track. These also were discovered and removed without causing a wreck. When the boy was caught hiding behind a nearby tie pile he explained that he merely wanted to see what the train would do to it and did not realize that it meant danger to the train. While the mental condition of that boy is questionable, it is not much more so than that of the many growups who do things in everyday life on much the same excuse.

With six counties yet to hear from, their returns being estimated, the tax commission places the 1913 valuation on the property of the state at \$1,130,342,101. The valuation last year was \$422,330,199. This is an increase of nearly three times over last year. All counties, with the exception of Denver, Pueblo and Weld, increased three

times. In Pueblo county last year's valuation was at 40% of the total cash value, so that this year's valuation is still correct. Weld and Denver fell below, according to the commission, and steps will be taken to force them to increase their values. This is the first attempt to place Colorado on a full cash basis. The assessors have found approximately \$10,000,000 worth of property that was not valued last year. The mill levy limit that can be assessed for county purposes forced the county officials to increase their values and to find new property. The law says that an increase of not more than 15% can be made this year over last year's cash payment of taxes. This will bring approximately \$250,000 to the state for the biennial period. This being the first time the new law has been put into effect, its final solution and its success or failure will be watched with interest.

### Warranty Deeds.

Revised by the Grand Mesa Abstract company, Delta, Colorado, week ending September 8, 1913:  
J. McDonald to Joseph J. Meek and others, 30 acres Hotchkiss, \$1.00.  
Willard D. Gould to Harry Tillma, tract Crawford, \$675.  
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M. O'Rourke Sr. to John S. O'Rourke Sr., 3 lots Delta, \$1.00.  
Delta County Business Men's Association to R. S. Kelso, 2 lots Delta, \$1.00.  
Thomas Hester to A. E. Campbell and others, tract Paonia, \$1.00.  
Oran T. Hester to A. E. Campbell and others, 320 acres, \$10.00.  
J. Frank Cole to B. E. Wheeler, tract Delta, \$10,500.  
L. E. Mecheke and others to Fred J. McLane, tract Hotchkiss, \$1.00.  
Perry Jones to Ella Riggs, half interest Green Mt. Reservoir, \$1.00.

### BUSINESS LOCALS

ROOMS.—Furnished completely for light housekeeping. Suitable for two girls. \$10 per month. Call S24 Meeker street. 30p

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Without a doubt the most dangerous, death defying, thrilling and prodigious act ever offered to the public may be seen with the Al G. Barnes circus, here September 25. This is the act of Herr Louis Roth with his twenty man-eating forest-bred lions.

WANTED.—At Glenwood Springs Sanitarium, young women to enter the fall class for nurses' training. Class open now. Write superintendent for information.

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### Notice.

Bids will be received by Commission of Finance and Supplies for supplying city with 20,000 pounds oats and 60,000 pounds hay, same to be delivered as per contract upon acceptance of bid. Contract will be let to lowest bidder. Bids close September 23, 1913, at 3 p. m.

### Can You Beat This?

Free admission and free initiation for the next thirty days in the Knights and Ladies of Security, best fraternal insurance. Ask about it at the Independent office. A. J. Benjamin, Mgr.



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French dry cleaning a specialty. High grade work at low prices.

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This is not only a land of milk and honey. It is a land of potatoes, of sugar beets, of alfalfa, of wheat and oats, of peaches and berries and plums, and the real home of the big red apple, the finest grown. Add to these melons, vegetables, cattle, hogs, horses and poultry, and you sum up a part of our resources.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Mrs. S. L. Fairlamb departed last Monday morning for Philadelphia and other points in the Keystone state, where she will visit with relatives and friends at least a month.

Miss Kracaw, of Telluride, after accompanying her brother as far as Grand Junction on his way to one of the state colleges, last week, returned to Delta for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Williams. She departed for her home Sunday morning.

According to the Grand Junction papers, DuCray, champion middleweight wrestler of Colorado, who resides at the Mesa metropolis, and Parrish, the Olathe wrestler defeated in a match at Olathe recently by DuCray, will pull off another bout at the county fair grounds in this city today (Friday).

Mrs. E. A. Johnson, who has been the guest of her brother, W. E. Fleetwood, and family, for several days past, departed last Monday evening for the Yellowstone park country where she will enjoy an outing before returning to her home in Wayne, Nebraska.

Mrs. Joe Farmer, who underwent a delicate surgical operation in the Red Cross hospital at Salida about four weeks ago, arrived home Tuesday evening, having about recovered from her ailments, and effects of the operation. She expects to be in her former good health in a few weeks.

Mrs. A. S. Exter, a former well known resident of this city, and her youngest son, who were guests of the former's brother in Salt Lake City for some weeks, passed through on the morning train Tuesday to their home in Gunnison. Mrs. Exter likes Delta very much and the family expect to eventually locate here permanently.

E. L. Humphries, a guest at the home of Ed Stone and family for two or three weeks, departed Monday evening for Salt Lake City, where he will visit for a few days before returning to his home in Waco, Texas. Mr. Humphries did quite a little touring in this county during his stay here and is much pleased with this section of Colorado.

F. W. Trechter and Bert Wells pulled out last Saturday evening for the Black Canon country where they were to look up some big game, if possible. Bear was spoken of, but there are those who yet think that either of these men could beat the long distance racing record if Bruin could get them in front and make a few fight maneuvers.

Mrs. Pearl Heater, wife of C. W. Heater, died at their home near the eastern limits of Delta, Saturday night, of pneumonia, at the age of 35. Burial Tuesday at Delta cemetery. Mrs. Heater leaves a sorrowing husband and two small children, the youngest a babe of three weeks, to feel the depth of bereavement and loss, and to whom the sympathy of all is extended.

The following postal card notice came in Wednesday's mail: "Copy of Independent addressed to Paul Orchard company should be discontinued, as it is a Paul Orchard company account and the company is bankrupt." The missive was addressed from the office of the Red Ball Insurance company, Colorado Springs. A year or so ago the Paul Orchard company undertook the development of a lot of land in this county, but it was claimed, failed to meet its obligations.

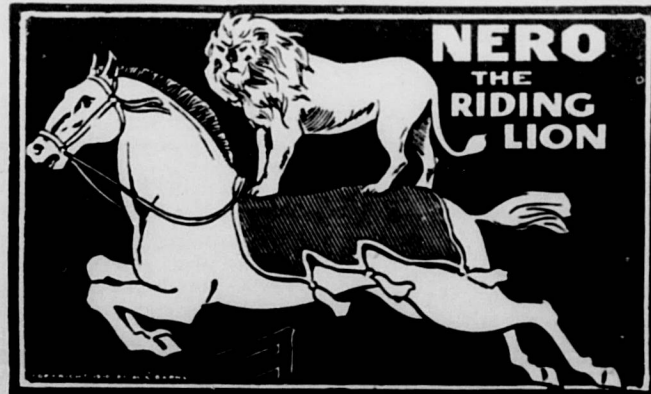
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**3 Bands, Monster Tents, Monster Free Street Parade**

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### Should Get Together.

Conferences are being held in various states between the Progressives and Republicans with a view of getting together. Maryland party men were latest to meet and they are coming to a common understanding that it is folly to fight among themselves. Had the party been united a year ago we would have today a Republican president and the country would not be threatened with stagnation. Neither would we have had the weak policy shown up to the present time in the Mexican situation. Let us hope that both branches of the party will be so punished that they will be ready to come together again in the congressional elections a year hence and sweep the Democratic majority out of the house before any great damage to the country can be done.—Montrose Press.

### The Proper Time

To secure the best for your money is now. Get a Beneficiary Certificate in the Knights and Ladies of Security at a reduced rate of admission. Call at the Independent office and ask for the district manager, A. J. Benjamin.

### Future May Tell.

Bull Moosles have decided that they will not fuse with the g. o. p. The convention of county chairmen so ordered, but what they will decide later on is entirely different. It will require an analysis of the tariff vote to locate difference between the rival factions.—Durango Democrat.

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