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Since the defection of Senator Stewart it is presumed that the "Silver Knights" are without a leader.

As a rule, the more a city grows the worse it becomes, yet all are striving to become as big as possible.

Since the adoption of woman suffrage in Colorado it is said that twice as many girl babies as boys are born.

Some newspapers are already beginning to express doubts regarding that story that Jesse James is still alive.

Arthur Poe Corman appears to have been succeeded by Senator Wellington as the chief Democrat in Maryland.

It is now charged against General Miles that he has trained his moustache so as to make it look like the Kaiser's.

Having mobilized Count von Waldersee the Emperor of Germany perhaps can already see in his mind's eye the end of the Chinese imbroglio.

Perhaps a joint political convention would be able to determine what is the real issue in the present campaign. The lack of harmony is distressing.

Doubtless both President McKinley and Colonel Bryan are rejoicing that Grover Cleveland has thus far refrained from committing himself to their support.

It looks as though those who had slated Arthur Sewall of Maine for the position of secretary of the navy in Mr. Bryan's cabinet, if he should have one, would be compelled to guess again.

As long as the Republican vote in Arkansas doesn't go above 40,000, probably it will not be considered worth while to amend the constitution along the lines followed by other states of the south.

The precedent established by a Cincinnati millionaire in paying off all the debts made in his will before his death is an innovation which is likely to become popular with the heirs of other rich persons.

Thus far no protest has appeared against the appointment of Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland to membership on the board of international peace commissioners, not even from the gentlemen themselves.

The Democrats of Arkansas seem to have concluded that a plurality for their ticket of about 50,000 would be about the proper thing for a starter in this presidential year. The legislature is likely to be a model of harmony since there will not be a Republican in it.

A rejected suitor killed his sweetheart on the street in Denver yesterday and then attempted to take his own life by means of poison. But the state is so zealous of its rights that officers stopped in and had the man's life saved by means of the stomach pump. The state probably will kill him in its own way after the officers and the lawyers have had a change to get all the fees possible out of the case.

A FAR EASTERN VIEW. [From the Hartford Post.] McNeill of Kansas—the McNeill who, to his subsequent sorrow, squinted down the gun barrel of a Hartford insurance company to see if it was loaded—is having trouble. He's the Populist candidate for insurance commissioner in Kansas, and some of the literature which the Republicans are circulating shows how much better the insurance department of the state is being conducted since he got out than it was when he was in. The documents make McNeill squint, and he is making labor-attorneys to hit back.

GLOBE SIGHTS. [From the Atchison Globe.] A good girl is always more popular than a pretty one.

An Atchison man is so poor that he can't even afford a wife.

When there is a circus in town, the women are remonstrated with to "have to go down town, anyhow."

So long as a woman is not interested in any man, she doesn't care so much if told that she is looking older.

You don't know what real work is like until you have been a drug clerk at some period of your existence.

Probably no one in the world was ever satisfied with Sunday who didn't spend the day with his sweetheart, or at a camp meeting.

It was found that the Society to Suppress Ugly Noises has four preachers as members, and as some of them can be heard preaching two blocks away, the club has disbanded.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. [From the Chicago News.] Lean dogs growl more than fat ones.

A woman's age is an imaginary quantity.

The earth is a turner and the sun is a tanner.

A great man is seldom taken at his

true value, but lots of others sell out for more than they are worth.

Where there's a will there's always one or more lawyers.

The motorman on the electric street car is a nonconformist.

A short story is like a bobtail horse; the tale is not continued.

Wise is the man who pays for what he gets, and gets what he pays for.

A man's sins seldom find him out until after his neighbors expose him.

In the country they call fun wickedness; in the city they call wickedness fun.

Beware of the bottle—especially if it is broken and you are a bicycle rider.

A cynic is a person who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

The average youth would rather come into a ready-made fortune than to become a self-made man.

If a woman is jealous of her husband it usually is because she has had much time for anything else.

A young man may dislike to hear a pretty girl whistle, but he never objects to the kissable pucker she gets on her mouth.

QUAKER REFLECTIONS. [From the Philadelphia Record.] Summer over?

R there, oyster!

An I specialist—the ecstist.

Now for autumn openings. Fall in!

A woman with a bad temper is seldom the rage.

When it comes to board, every man should expect to plank down.

Now that the dog days are over, we may prepare for the cat nights.

The marriage tie sometimes connects a man with his wife's apron strings.

The faith cure would be all right if it would cure people of their faith in it.

Teller—"Most women get off a joke as they get off a trolley car." Ask—"How that?" Teller—"Backward."

Hoax—"Why are all politicians named Joe?" Ask—"Give it up. I should think the very man would be the one to succeed."

No matter how unscrupulous a woman may be, when it comes to a question of pencils you could scarcely call her a sharper.

"I admit that you have a strong will, but I shall break it," exclaimed the doctor to a patient. "No, until I am dead, thank heaven," replied her husband.

Magistrate—"Why don't you reform?" Prisoner—"I haven't time." Magistrate—"Fortunately I have some of my disposal. I think I can spare you six months."

Muggins—"Newlywed has stopped playing poker since his marriage." Bugbins—"Yes; I suppose he's studying up cribbage."

The nation's in elation; Exult this autumn whoop.

And the oyster's in the soup.

THOUGHT HE SAW A TRAIN. Kansas City Southern Engineer Jumps From Engine and Is Killed.

Pittsburg, Kas., Sept. 5.—Tom Cochran, an engineer on the Kansas City Southern railroad, was killed last night near Neosho, Mo., under very peculiar circumstances. He was coming north with a heavy train, and when starting down a heavy grade coming into Neosho he thought the headlight of an approaching train. He instantly put on the air brakes, but found that they did not work, and turning to his right he saw the headlight of a train, and he thought he was running through the yards at Neosho. A searching party for the engineer found him a short distance from the track, with his neck broken. His strange act in jumping through the cab window is a mystery to the railroad men here and the cause of the train he was piloting. It was known to be an experienced and careful engineer and the impression prevails that he was not right in his mind at the time, or that he was suffering from some sort of nervousness which made a collision appear instant and unavoidable.

The unfortunate man was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and has a wife and family living in Decatur, Mo., where his body was forwarded for burial.

TWO NEW BANKS. One in Ness County, the Other at Reading.

Two new state banks have been organized this week. The first chartered is the State bank of Ransom, Ness county, the other being the First State bank of Reading, Lyon county.

The capital stock of the Ness county bank is \$500. The directors are as follows: Mr. Shambaugh, president; Mr. C. M. Charles Harschem, J. N. Goodwin and Ira O. Shellenbarger, of Ransom, and A. L. Rogers, of Ness City.

The Reading bank has a capital of \$12,000. The directors are: C. C. Patton, J. Snyder, E. M. Nelson, John Dickson, Dan Gaughan, D. C. Jones, J. B. Sheldon, H. G. Landis and Roger Jones.

Leavenworth Overalls Factory. The Union Overalls Manufacturing company of Leavenworth, which was today granted a charter, has today elected directors E. E. Murphy, the Democratic politician, who is superintendent of insurance under Governor Leedy. The company has a capital of \$100,000. The other directors are: J. B. Anthony, Jr., and L. C. Palmer. Dan Anthony, another member of the directory, is president at Leavenworth, and a Republican politician.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS. Leedy Beede, the six-week-old daughter of Edward Beede, of 1206 Kansas avenue, died Tuesday. The funeral was held Tuesday at 2 o'clock. Burial was in the Topeka cemetery.

California Republicans. Santa Cruz, Cal., Sept. 5.—Perfect weather greeted the delegates at the opening of the Republican state convention. A number of delegates were absent, but the majority of the delegates took advantage of the fact that the convention was not to be called until tomorrow and betook themselves to other points of interest. Even at headquarters there was little politicalizing.

Mrs. Thorpe has several typhoid fever patients and two cancer patients who need goods, sheets and old underwear. Those who can spare such articles should notify Mrs. Thorpe.

IN HOTEL CORRIDORS.

"I do not consider it a pleasure to see a man under the influence of liquor," said an ex-newspaper man at the Copeland, "but I believe that some of the greatest faults of our civilization is that it has been my pleasure to witness were occasioned by men who were more or less intoxicated. When I was in the newspaper business there was a theory that every good man, no matter in what department he was employed, was necessarily a drinking man, and unless the man was an habitual drunkard, little or no objection was made to his drinking. That most of the bright men in the profession did drink is a matter of history, but I doubt very much if the habit made them any better, and I know that a number of them failed because of too great indulgence and others died from its effects. But to return to the amusing incidents which I spoke of, I was working on a paper down in a boom town in 1887 and at that time experienced newspaper men were in demand, for new dailies were springing up all over the country like mushrooms. One of the towns on which I was employed was short-handed and, after a lot of trouble, secured a telegraph editor named Montague. The evening before the paper was to be published, I was called to the office by a reporter who had worked in the same office with the telegraph editor. They became acquainted in the evening, and the reporter and I went to the town and they naturally sought each other's society. Montgomery was a very dignified appearing man; straight, tall, thin, with a few white hairs, and a mustache which he kept waxed. He was a Kentuckian and wore the traditional slouch hat. The man from that state, Montgomery also followed the traditions of his native state in the matter of drinking, although he did not drink to excess, and it would be impossible to tell from his demeanor that he ever took a drink. One day Montgomery and his friend, the reporter, took a day off, and the day after that he had been well received by the people of the town, and cut quite a figure socially, but on the day he took the day off, he got himself into a very bad way. He had drunk and the figure they cut was a sight to behold. They came up to the office at the evening, and the reporter, as most intoxicated men do, talking loud and laughing, but Montgomery retained his dignity through it all. He occasionally reprimanded his friend for his conduct, while it was impossible for him to sit on a table without swaying like a tree in a gale. His conduct was so queer and so out of place that he was questioned by the reporter, and he said that he had pulled one waxed end down while the other pointed straight up. His conduct was so queer and so out of place that he was questioned by the reporter, and he said that he had pulled one waxed end down while the other pointed straight up. His conduct was so queer and so out of place that he was questioned by the reporter, and he said that he had pulled one waxed end down while the other pointed straight up.

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INTENSE RIVALRY

Develops at Montana State Republican Convention. Helena, Mont., Sept. 5.—State Chairman Woolman called the Republican state convention to order at the auditorium at 11 o'clock today. The city is crowded with visitors. Among the arrivals were United States Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, and former Senator John L. Wilson, of Washington, both of whom will deliver speeches before the convention tonight. The chief fight before the resolutions committee will probably be on the eight hour question, but as the Butte and Helena conventions have declared favorably it will doubtless be adopted.

It is not believed the convention can complete its work today as there is intense rivalry for the chief offices. The leading candidates are: For governor, David E. Folson, of Lewiston; A. L. Babcock, of Billings; G. G. White, of Dillon; William Lindquist, of Glendive; and Peter Larson, of Helena, with the chances highly favorable to Folson. For congressman, S. O. Murray will doubtless receive the nomination. For associate justice, out of a dozen candidates, Rudolph von Tobel of Fergus county seems to be the leading candidate. For lieutenant governor, A. J. Bennett and Henry Eling, both of Virginia City are aspirants. Mayor Edwards, of Helena, is the favorite candidate for state secretary of state. A. N. Yoder of Miles City for attorney general, although F. E. Smith, of Lewiston is making a strong fight for the latter office.

The secretary of state, A. N. Yoder, is opposed. Chairman Woolman, after a brief address introduced W. F. Meyer as temporary chairman, who was selected by the state committee last night. The usual committees were appointed and the convention recessed until 1:30 p. m.

RAILROAD BLAMED.

Coroner's Jury Says Jacob Roller's Death Due to Carelessness. The coroner's jury which listened to the testimony concerning the cause of the death of Jacob Roller rendered its verdict this morning holding the Union Pacific railway company responsible, and decided that he came to his death through carelessness of the company employees.

The jury was composed of L. M. Carter, J. S. Conwell, A. Lux, M. Wagoner, J. H. Hunter and J. M. Bryan. It required only about 30 minutes for them to arrive at a decision.

Engineer D. M. Smith said at the hearing that he was the one who gave the regular crossing whistle at the whistle post and again later when about 150 feet from the crossing. Almost immediately after this he saw a train coming onto the track and gave the emergency whistle. They were then two farmers who were driving just behind Mr. Roller saw the train and shouted to warn him. He heard the shouts and looked around, but apparently did not see the train. The men testified that if the engineer did whistle that they did not hear it because of their excitement in trying to attract Roller's attention to the train.

The jury questioned as to what direction the wind was in, so as to find out whether the train could have been easily heard. Neither of the witnesses could remember anything on this point.

It was brought out in the hearing that the crossing at this point is considered very dangerous, and that other crossings have been narrowly averted. The road and the railroad track form a V-shaped angle at this point.

On a question as to whether the railway about half way between the whistle post and the point where the road crosses the track is a house, trees surrounding his packing house at the foot of Monroe street, Mr. Bennett R. Wheeler, who represents the canning factory on the opposite side of the street from the packing house, was on hand to enter a protest against the vacation of the street, but upon examination of the engineer's plans and on discussion of the subject, it was ascertained that the piece of ground needed was only about 200 feet wide and was a part of the river bank, between the piece of railway track and the river, and not strip of the street, as heretofore understood. Mr. Wheeler accordingly decided to withdraw the protest, and the ordinance was passed unanimously.

He is the father of fourteen children, all of whom are living except three child reared by the children's mother. The boys all live at home and help run the place.

The funeral will be held Thursday morning at the Prairie Home cemetery, and the burial will be in the Prairie Home cemetery.

HOSPITAL ON FIRE.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 5.—A general alarm has been turned in just now for a fire in the Good Samaritan hospital. Many lives are imperiled.

COLORADO FLYER.

Via