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SENATOR NOMINATED

THE KENTUCKY REPUBLICANS SETTLE ON ST. JOHN BOYLE.

Democrats Adopt Rousing Resolutions and Determine to Support Blackburn to the End.

Frankfort, Ky., March 5.—St. John Boyle of Louisville was tonight declared to be the Republican nominee for United States senator by acclamation at the legislative caucus.

This result was accomplished by an agreement between Senator W. J. Lee and Judge W. W. Holt the two leading candidates in last night's caucus. The agreement tonight were Carnes, Dodson, Stights, Rice and Freeman.

It was on a motion to declare Senator Lebus the caucus nominee that Senator Lebus declined and presented Boyle. In this he was immediately followed by Holt. Then Boyle was chosen by acclamation. Lebus made a thrilling speech and was followed by Boyle, who was brought in by a committee.

Judge Holt also addressed the caucus. The only drawback was the action of Representative Tindle who, when the announcement of the selection of Boyle was made, exclaimed: "That settles it with me" and left the caucus in apparently ill humor.

The Democrats tonight drew the line strongly between the free silver men and the sound money Democrats.

A joint caucus was held to hear the petition of the sound money Democrats for the withdrawal of Senator Blackburn. Twenty-nine sound money Democrats, including the twenty signers to the petition, were absent from the Democratic caucus.

Said he was the caucus nominee and said he was the caucus nominee and only the caucus could remove him. He said it had been in the power of the five Democrats who had refused to vote for him from the first to elect him at any time. He said he was determined as Republican should be elected. The caucus adopted stirring resolutions in support of Blackburn and adjourned, determined to support him to the end.

ON THE RACE TRACK.

Crescent City Races.

New Orleans, March 5.—Four-year-olds, selling, one mile—Nosing won; Minnie W second, Money third. Time—1:41 3-4.

One mile—Bath Lad won, Van Brunt second, Lee third. Time—1:43.

Purse for 3-year-olds, selling, six furlongs—Dirt won; Eloi Ferguson second; Scatrick third. Time 1:14 1-4.

Purse, $700. Ladies handicap for 3-year-olds and upwards, one mile—Manie won; Brewer second, Charley C. third. Time—1:41.

Three-year-olds and upwards selling, one and one-sixteenth of a mile—Rachael McAllister won, Little Tom second, Timesaway third. Time—1:50 3-4.

Purse for 3-year-olds and upwards, selling, one mile—Gold Dust won, Ixion second, Uncle Jim third. Time—1:42.

ENTRIES FOR TODAY.

The following horses have been entered in today's races at New Orleans:

First race, selling, one mile—Gladiola 96, Mamie G 96, duplicate 102, Queen Bess 104 Old Gentleman 105, Jim Rogg 106, St. Leo 108, Knin Boy 113.

Second race, six furlongs—Honor 102, Millie M. 107, Royal Nettle 102, Summer Rain 102, Little Bramble 107, Chugwut 104, Fiddler 104, Charley Daly 104, Winchester 104, Sky Blue 104, Andrex 107, Pan Out 112.

Third race selling one mile—Prytania 95, Little Billie 97, Willis 97, Panway 98, Hulbert 101, Bobbins 101, Judge Cook 101, Jhandie R. 101, Marcel 103, Italk Line 104, Bob Neville 104, Poytinia 104.

Fourth race, handicap, one mile and twenty yards—Newhouse 90, Jamboree 108, Haechel, Rollers, 92, Nikita, Entry, 94, Clarus 100 Laverne 95, Italk Line 99, Tancred 95, Jeu d'Sot 93.

Fifth race, selling, six furlongs—Pica 102, Anna McNairy 103, Marioni 103, Veld 107, Tramp 107, Springtime 107, Longbrook 107, Wiff 110, Imp. Hazelton 110, Dago 110, Cerro Gordo 110, Valet 113.

Sixth race, selling, six furlongs—Beeswax 98, Glendagan 100, Mollie King 103, Lucy Bell 106, Barney Aaron Jr. 107, Warren Leland 107, Nevada Boy 107, Jim Corbett 107, John P. 107, Blacksmith 107, Salvation 110, Simrock 113.

SAN FRANCISCO RACES.

San Francisco, March 5.—Four furlongs—Gordon 1; Vive second; Ingleside 3. Time, 52 1-2.

Mile and a quarter—Collins won; Basso second; Foremost third. Time, 2:15 1-4.

Seven furlongs—Sir Varsar won; Wyoming second; Ed Kearney third. Time, 1:31 1-4.

Mile—Hurdle, selling; My Luck won; Arundel second; Red Will third. Time, 1:57 1-4.

Six furlongs—Selling; Mohalaska won; Horcas second; Major Cook third. Time, 1:17.

Five furlongs—Selling; Shield Bearer won; Artist second; Jack Atkins, third. Time, 1:03 1-2.

Five furlongs—Selling; Pat Murphy won; Service second; Mat McGregor third. Time, 1:03 1-2.

DID GREAT DAMAGE.

Fire Damages Large Amount of Property at Guyaquil.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—A great fire destroyed eight whole blocks of Guayaquil on the 12th of last month and inflicted losses amounting to a million and a half, against which there was only $100,000 insurance, mostly in English companies.

United States Consul General Dillard, who reports the fact to the state department, says there is great distress among the poor of the city.

BOLTERS FOR MORRISON.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 5.—The bolters on Gandy-Cubbs followers immediately upon leaving the hall of the regular convention, met and formed an organization. The bolters committee consisting of 18 out of the 22 delegates present at the full committee, representing thirty-three out of forty-five counties in the state.

Committees were appointed and everything was done in regular order.

C. H. Gandy, H. S. Cubbs, H. W. Chandler and H. S. Coleman were appointed delegates to the national convention. Resolutions favored the nomination of Governor Matson for president, but did not instruct delegates for him.

ESCAPE FROM JAIL

FOUR PRISONERS BREAK THROUGH PRISON WALLS.

Two of Them Make Good Their Escape, But Others Return During the Night.

San Saba, Tex., March 5.—(Special)—Four prisoners escaped from the county jail Tuesday night before nine o'clock by breaking out bars with a stick of stove wood and then using the broken bars to dig through the stone walls. Geonie Jones and Ed Mallary, charged with horse theft, made good their escape, but Jim Wilson, murder, and J. W. Peacock, forgery, returned during the night.

HAD NINETEEN WIVES.

He Secured Their Money and Then Deserted Them.

Kansas City, Mo., March 5.—H. C. Wilmot, going under various aliases and who was recently arrested at Terre Haute, Ind., and taken to Kansas City, Kan., charged with bigamy, pleaf guilty in that city today. The trial developed the remarkable fact that Wilmot has in the last nine years married nineteen different women, all of whom are said to be living, and that he deserted them after having secured their money in each case. They reside in Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, Cincinnati and other points.

WOULD STAND ALONE

NO HAND WOULD BE RAISED TO HELP ENGLAND

Should She Have a Death Struggle, Thinks Sir Charles Dilke.

Monetary Conference.

London, March 4.—The first lord of the treasury, Mr. A. J. Balfour, answering a question in the house of commons today on behalf of the government, said he did not believe anything would be gained by Great Britain taking the initiative in proposing a monetary conference.

Prior to the reading of the debate on the navy estimate in the house of commons today Mr. John Redmond, Parnellite, declared that in view of the manner in which Ireland was overtaxed he would oppose every vote of increase and insist in each upon a division.

Sir Charles Dilke thought that the naval program was inadequate. The navy, he insisted, ought to be superior to any combination, as it was doubtful if a hand would be raised by any other nation to save Great Britain if she were engaged in a death struggle.

Mr. Balfour said he believed that Great Britain's navy in 1899 would be in a position to contend on satisfactory terms with the fleets of any two countries.

UNMAILABLE COMMUNICATIONS.

To United States Senators Were Ordered Held Up.

Washington, March 5.—The seizure by postal authorities of the mail addressed from San Francisco to various United States senators and members of congress was the result of instructions issued from the postoffice department here. Several senators complained to First Assistant Postmaster General Jones some time ago that they were receiving communications which they regarded as unmailable. The matter was referred to Assistant Attorney General Thomas for an opinion. The report of Judge Thomas holds that a number of the envelopes were unmailable and those which fell within the decision were immediately ordered held up by the department in a dispatch to the San Francisco postmaster.

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AN APPEAL

From Wall Street to the People.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTS THE FINANCIAL QUESTION REMOVED FROM POLITICS.

ASKS ALL CITIZENS

TO UNITE IN SENDING GOLDBUG DELEGATES

To the Conventions of Both Great Parties — Anxious to Have the Gold Standard Maintained.

New York, March 4.—The chamber of commerce at its monthly meeting today adopted the following appeal without a dissenting vote:

To the commercial bodies and business men of the United States. The chamber of commerce of New York believes the time has now come for a move on the part of commercial bodies and all men whether engaged in farming, manufacture or trade who are interested in the commercial prosperity of the United States to remove from political domination the question of the maintenance of the standard of value upon which all business of this country is transacted. It invites co-operation to this end in an effort to create a strong public opinion for an unequivocal declaration by the political conventions of both of the great parties in favor of the maintenance of our existing standard and of the elimination of all doubt or expression in respect to the redeeming of the notes of the United States in the coin coinage of silver. The time is past for any trifling, double dealing to express the meaning of political parties upon this important subject. We must have no platforms that can be interpreted to mean one thing in one part of the land and another in another part of the land. It is important to every business man, merchant and wage earner to put a stop to the constant expenses of the government and to all the loss resulting from the continuance of the agitation of the coinage of free silver, which stands in the way of confidence and national prosperity. Therefore we ask all citizens to unite in a vigorous effort to urge the selection of delegates to the political conventions of both great parties who will advocate clear and distinct platform utterance in favor of the maintenance of the present gold standard of value. The time is short and action ought therefore to be all the more prompt and determined.

MARRIED TOO MUCH.

J. J. FRANCIS ARRESTED ON A BIGAMY CHARGE.

Married at Waco, and Report Says He Has Another Wife in Wilmington, Kan.

Waco, Tex., March 5.—(Special)—J. J. Francis was arrested today charged with bigamy. Last Tuesday he married Mrs. Mary Newman at Motervant and immediately following the ceremony the news came from Wilmington, Kan., that he had a wife living at that place. Sheriff Baker will hold Francis awaiting further information from the authorities at Wilmington.

PLANS ARE COMPLETED.

For Auditorium for Republican Convention in St. Louis.

St. Louis, March 5.—The plans and specifications for the convention auditorium have been completed and approved. Bids are being received and will be opened Monday. The work will be commenced at once, and will be finished in ample time for the convention. Minor changes have been made in the auditorium plans.

Architect Adler of Chicago, in behalf of the national committee, has concurred in all that has been decided on.

The auditorium will cost something over $50,000, according to estimates.

FITZSIMMONS DEFUSES.

But Corbett Is Willing to Sign for the Fight.

New York, March 5.—Robert Fitzsimmons being shown the articles of agreement sent here by the National Sporting club of London today, said that he would not accept them under the existing circumstances.

Chicago, March 5.—A copy of the articles of agreement was read to James J. Corbett tonight and he said he would sign them as soon as they were received by him. He declared he would meet Fitzsimmons anywhere on earth under any conditions or at any time.

COTTON MEN TO MEET.

Montgomery, Ala., March 5.—A meeting is called at Atlanta for April 28 by all the cotton manufacturing concerns of the South for a thorough organization to be similar to the New England mills. It is for mutual protection and mutual interests. Nearly four-fifths of the southern cotton mills have already signified their willingness to attend the meeting.

A COTTON STATEMENT.

Receipts on Various Texas Roads the Present Season.

Houston, Tex., March 5.—(Special)—The general freight traffic department of the Southern Pacific and Houston and Texas Central roads has just issued its cotton statement for the present season up to March 1.

The total receipts of the Sunset and Central routes, inclusive of February 29, were 411,734 bales, a decrease of about 44 per cent, over the corresponding period in 1894-95.

The total receipts for the G., H. and S. A. for the month of February, 2642; for the present season to February 29, 89,498 bales.

Total receipts for the H. and T. C. for February, 20,761; for the season up to March 1, 234,849 bales.

According to the report of the estimated total receipts for both lines for the season of 1895-96, aggregating 461,797 bales, 414,758 bales have actually been accounted for; the remaining 26,949 bales yet to be heard from, are distributed as follows:

On platforms, 461 bales; in towns, 21,366 bales; in the country which will be marketed here, 15,224 bales.

Classification for each line is as follows:

H. and T. C., receipts to date, 234,849; on platforms, 247; in towns, 18,225; estimated yet in country, 19,609; estimated total for the season, 381,330.

G., H. and S. A., receipts to date, 89,493; on platforms, 209; in towns, 3043; estimated yet in country, 4836; estimated total for the season, 99,518.

GENEROUSLY TREATED.

The Red Cross Party Gratified at Their Reception.

New York, March 5.—A letter just received here by a number of the American National Red Cross from Miss Clara Barton, dated Paris, Constantinople, February 19, tells of the journey of the Red Cross party which sailed from here on January 22, and also contains the following:

Not only was the fullest permission given by the sublime porte for our entrance into Armenia, but an active and generous effort was displayed toward making our journey safe and pleasant.

Mr. Terrell was very much gratified and seems very happy over our success, to which he and the state department contributed so largely. As soon as an outfit can be made and passes secured our men will be started for the desolate regions. It will be cold and terribly hard for them, but that is what they came for. I have met several of the leading missionaries and other gentlemen here. It is hoped that the massacres are over, but it is, of course, uncertain. The general feeling is that Russia has said enough.

BOUND FOR HEAVEN

MANY IGNORANT NEGROES FORM AN ASCENSION PARTY.

Were Told That Yesterday They Would Be Taken to Heaven and Were Ready.

Montgomery, Ala., March 5.—One hundred and fifty penniless negroes are victims of a ridiculous religious craze here. For several months leaders among the more ignorant negroes have preached that on sixty days such as would profess and believe in their doctrine would be transported to heaven.

Today about fifty were disposed of their effects, poverty they had worked for years, and 150 of them assembled at a little railroad yard church at daybreak this morning and have spent the day frantically shouting and praying.

Several hundred others have stood about the house to witness the ascension although the leaders have assured them that those in the church will ascend as in a vapor, invisible. The theory is that when they reach the pearly gates their bodies, coats and breeches will be returned to them.

Early today it was stated the ascension would take place at noon, but now midnight is the hour agreed upon. Andrew Wood and Bill Hall, two reliable railroad hands, are said to be among the most ardent in the faith.

MORGAN TO TAKE HOLD.

Boston, March 5.—Receiver John L. Cowan of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, returned today from New York, where he has been in consultation with members of the reorganization committee regarding the affairs of the company. He was elected for a short time with his colleague, Oscar G. Murray, and other connected with the company. It is generally believed that J. P. Morgan will have the reorganization in charge.

SHE RAN AGROUND.

Perth Amboy, N. J., March 5.—While returning from a trial trip tonight the Columbian cruiser Cordova, which has just been fitted out at Perth Amboy, ran aground in Princess Bay. Forty guests who were on board were taken off by the boats.

It is thought the vessel will be floated without damage.

Burned in Effigy.

Princeton, N. J., March 5.—The undergraduates of Princeton tonight burned in effigy the king of Spain in a demonstration in which several hundred took part. The flag of Spain was dragged through the main street and later was torn into pieces in the center of the campus.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

THE LOSS AT McKINNEY IS SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The Fire Occurred at Midnight and Swept Buildings Away—The Origin a Mystery.

McKinney, Tex., March 5.—(Special.)—Fire broke out about midnight last night on the northeast corner of the public square and destroyed $75,000 worth of property before it could be checked. The following is a conservative estimate of the losses:

Jesse Shain, four brick buildings, $24,000; C. L. Young, dry goods, $25,000; Largent Bros., book store, $12,000; W. B. Ditto, groceries, $6500; P. E. Denton, pharmacist, $3000; the Examiner, newspaper, $2000; Daw & Jones, confectionaries, $300.

Several others lost heavily in hurriedly removing their goods from the burning buildings. Insurance covers about one-half the losses. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON CRIPPLE CREEK.

Write D. B. Keeler, Fort Worth, for valuable information.

PROHIBITION CARRIED.

Wallis, Tex., March 5.—(Special.)—Prohibition carried here today—44 to 26.

London, March 5.—There was a large attendance at the levee held by the Prince of Wales today.

A CASE IN POINT.

The expulsion of Dunraven from the New York Yacht club, means that a lord is not always a gentleman.—Kansas City Star.

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THEY WILL CONTEST

THE REPORT OF THE CANAL COMMITTEE.

Nicaragua Canal Company Asserts That Government Engineers Did Not Do Their Duty.

New York, March 5.—The Herald this morning says:

The Nicaragua canal committee met yesterday, but the proceedings of the directors were not made public. Yet the object of the meeting and the subjects discussed had a very important bearing on the recent reports of the commission of engineers which was sent to Panama by the government to report whether or not the United States would be justified in becoming the guaranty of the success of the undertaking. The Canal company is determined to contest the report of the commission, which was unfavorable to the work of the engineers of the company. The directors declare that the government engineers before they started on their trip to Greytown spent nearly two weeks in this city carefully inspecting the maps of the country.

The directors say the commissioners' expenses could not have been kept within the appropriation made by congress and as the company provided the commissioners with guides and natives to cut paths for them on their tour of inspection. Seventy or eighty men were employed by the company in behalf of the commission.

Chief Engineer Menocal, of the Nicaragua Canal company, accompanied the engineers on their tour from the site of the Pacific entrance to the canal to the harbor at Greytown.

The directors say instead of the government engineers making a thorough study of the whole route of the canal as per report to the government would seem to assume, they decided that they could not spend the time and covered by the great rock in which the canal engineers turned and proceeded on the other side.

The contest of the report will be made on this contention, for the government engineers declare that the estimates of the company's engineers are far too low. The directors say Chief Engineer Menocal kept a diary of the incidents of his trip of inspection and he will be in a position to prove to the government that not only did this neglect of duty occur, but that there were other incidents which would destroy the value of the engineers' report. The company will present the evidence at the public hearing on the commission's report.

WAS OUTGENERALED

STRATEGY OF CUBAN GENERALS GOMEZ AND MACEO.

They Slipped Passed the Lines of the Spanish Army and Maceo Is at Gates of Havana.

New York, March 5.—A special to the Herald from Havana, Cuba, says:

Nobody has paid much attention to reports from the field as to operations lately. Washington and Madrid have been the sole centers of interest. Yet within a few days Gomez and Maceo have achieved another of those successes in the face of strong opposing columns which have made the world wonder how it was done.

General Weyler, apparently believing he had driven them to their stronghold in the everglades of Cienaga de Zapata, has been marrying thousands of troops into Santa Clara by land and sea with the one purpose of hemming his enemy in at that point.

General Pablo, in command at Santa Clara, only awaited the arrival of those troops to strike hard blows. Rio Gomez and Maceo having left in the everglades hundreds of ill, dismounted and ill, strengthened their forts with new troopers fresh from Puerto Principe and Remidios, and then while the Spanish battalions were en route to catch them, they unexpectedly turned west again, slipping past all obstructions with only a few skirmishes. Now General Gomez is in the heart of Matanzas and Maceo is once more almost at the gates of the capital. Trains have been fired on just beyond the city on the Matanzas road and Monday night there was a sharp skirmish only three miles beyond the suburbs of Jesus del Monte, a little settlement to which Havana horse cars and omnibuses make regular trips.

There was no official report of the affair given out.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

London, March 5.—The Chronicle announces that Lord Salisbury appointed a special committee to compile the Venezuelan book over which Sir Thomas Sanderson, chief permanent secretary of the foreign office, presided.

St. Louis, Mo., March 5.—Breitenstein, the star pitcher, was signed tonight at $2400, and will receive a bonus of $250.

Berlin, March 5.—Up to this time ninety bodies have been recovered from Cleophe's mine at Knifewilla, Prussian Silesia. It is believed that twenty bodies remain in the mine.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—The treasury today lost $225,000 in gold coin, which leaves the true amount of the gold reserve $124,593,421.

St. Louis, Mo., March 6.—The funeral of Archbishop Kendrick will take place next Wednesday at 9 o'clock. Many high church dignitaries will attend.

A QUESTION.

If the free silverites are so confident that they represent the people why do they dodge the issue and claim to be bimetallists? What they contend for is the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1. Why don't they stand by their colors?—Atlanta Journal.

NO RECRUITS AMONG THEM.

Congress it seems, is in the mood to declare war against Spain. No sagacious person, however, will attempt to enlist a battalion for active service among the members of the house.—Chicago Chronicle.

CHANCE FOR A SENSATION.

Some of these days a condemned murderer may possibly make his last breakfast off something besides ham and eggs with buttered toast, and then there will be a sensation.—Washington Post.

SUCCEEDING ADMIRABLY.

The Fifty-fourth congress appears to be engaged in an earnest effort to prove that its immediate predecessors were not as bad as they might have been.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A WOMAN'S DARING DEED.

Plants the American Flag on the Lofty Summit of the Devil's Tower.

Mrs. W. B. Rogers recently distinguished herself by ascending the precipitous sides of the Devil's Tower, near Sundance, Wy., and planting an American flag on its lofty summit. The Devil's Tower is one of the natural wonders of the west. Its top is 1,685 feet above the level of the Belle Fourche river, which flows at its base, and the tower proper, which is almost perpendicular, is 655 feet in height.

Mrs. Rogers was clad in an attractive costume, consisting of bloomers, a short skirt, a dainty yachting cap, buckskin gloves and a pair of overshoes. She carried a flag, which she fastened in her belt

THE DEVIL'S TOWER.

as soon as she was obliged to climb. She made the ascent with surprising ease and rapidity, going from the point where climbing is necessary to the summit, a distance of about 600 feet, in 37 minutes. From the very beginning the ascent is made over steep and rugged inclines. In places the climber was assisted by means of a rope. Two hundred feet up she reached a rude ladder, which had been constructed by Mr. Rogers. It was formed by driving pieces of wood into the crevices of the rock, and was a clever looking affair. Mrs. Rogers went up this ladder with agility, resting a few moments at the top before commencing the most serious portion of her journey. The ascent from the top of the ladder to the summit of the tower, something over 400 feet, was up the almost perpendicular face of the great cliff. The only aid to the climber was a rope, which was firmly fastened to a great rock on the summit and which dangled loosely from the side of the tower. The plucky little woman went up this rope like a sailor, hand over hand, and with apparently little effort. The spectators watched her breathlessly, for a single slip would have hurled her to an awful death. As she went up her form seemed to grow smaller and smaller, until as she stood on the summit and waved her flag she seemed no larger than a child.

Mrs. Rogers spent 15 or 20 minutes on the summit of the tower planting the flag, and then began her downward journey, which is a more trying ordeal and more perilous than the ascension. She made the downward trip in 20 minutes.

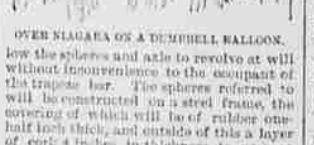
TO SHOOT NIAGARA.

Professor Bartholomew Proposes to Go Over the Falls on a Trapeze.

Cargill Bartholomew of Jackson, Mich., proposes to go over Niagara falls on a trapeze attached to a balloon contrivance of his own invention. It is seven years since an attempt of this kind has been made. In August, 1889, Charles D. Graham is alleged to have gone over the falls in a cask, but there are scores who openly assert that he never made the trip.

Bartholomew came into prominence as an aeronaut in 1889 when he accompanied A. G. Spalding on his tour around the world with the Chicago and All-America baseball teams, giving hot air balloon ascensions and parachute drops, much to the astonishment of the natives of every country through which they passed. Since that time he has spent much time outside of his business in perfecting various practical inventions.

The machine with which Professor Bartholomew proposes to go over the falls resembles a huge dumbbell in appearance. A hollow shaft of thin steel 100 feet long supports two spheres 45 feet in diameter, allowing enough room on the shaft between the huge balls for a trapeze, which will be secured in such a manner as to allow the spheres and axle to revolve at will without inconvenience to the occupant of the trapeze bar. The spheres referred to will be constructed on a steel frame, the covering of which will be of rubber one-half inch thick, and outside of this a layer of cork 4 inches in thickness to prevent punctures from coming in contact with sharp rocks.



OVER NIAGARA ON A DUMBBELL BALLOON.

Inside of each of these spheres will be a gas balloon as large as the interior will admit. When these balloons are inflated with hydrogen gas, the structure is estimated to have a lifting power of five tons. Sufficient ballast will be used to keep the structure from sailing up into the air as it floats down the river. As the verge of the precipice is reached and the plunge is made the ballast will be gradually released, and when the ship arrives at the bottom of the falls in case the force of nature has been underestimated all the ballast will be released, and the professor will sail out of danger.

Professor Bartholomew sees a fortune in his project and will attempt to make the trial in the summer of 1896.

A Horse's Queer Purse.

A veterinary surgeon in Van Buren, Me., was called a few days ago to find the reason and remedy for an odd hard bunch on a horse's shoulder. He lanced the swelling and found in the center of it a silver dime.

Paris Full of Gullibles.

More than 1,000 people earn a living in Paris by fortune telling, and their total earnings are estimated at $400,000.

A Brave Barber.

In Paris the other day a barber shaved a man in a cage with a lion to win a wager.

Babies at a Bargain.

A Nova Scotia photographer has this sign out, "Babies reduced to $2 a dozen."

HEAVY FIRE LOSS.

New York, March 6.—Fire started this morning at 1:30 in a building at 7 Laight street, the basement of which is occupied by William Radam, who manufactures a microbe killer. On the first floor is the manufactory of B. H. Ohlman, notions. The Garvin Machine company, makers of bicycles, own the building and occupies the greater part of it. The damage will be heavy.

IN PURITAN TIMES

WORD PICTURES OF THE LIFE OF THOSE OLDEN TIMES.

The Few Recreations and Amusements the Children—What Is Classed as the Mitten"—The Revenge of the New England Sabbath.

Though Puritan children had few recreations and amusements, they have enjoyed a very cheerful life. Making sugar in the spring looked forward to with very great anticipations by the farmers' wives and daughters. Toil in that was more than relatively sweetened.

Thurlow Weed says: "When the troughs were dug out of the logs and there were no buckets to gather the sap, trees tapped, your mother's fires fed, there was hilarity in sugaring or 'sparking.' Who will forget the transparent and delicious sugar, candy, cooled in snow, which was struck off.' Many a farmer's son has had the best opportunity for courting the girl of his heart in his leisure moments while sugaring. At night you had only to watch the kettles and keep up your fires, having been gathered and prepared before dark. I remember also how I used to have read a history of the Revolution. I remember also how I used to borrow the book after a snowstorm through the snow shovelers."

An old time New England custom in "getting the mittens" from the object of your offer of marriage previous to the "best girl," has an origin in the history of the earlier days. One hundred years ago gloves were unknown as articles of apparel, and instead of them all females, from the highest to the lowest, wore mittens. These were knitted in the family circle, and the choice was bolding her mittens, which would keep it from getting cold, and thus giving her opportunity to urge his suit. If the suit proved acceptable, the lover was rewarded with the mittens; if otherwise, an effort to withhold them would leave the mittens, and the lover would get the mittens, but not the hand.

There were large families in those days. Sir William Phipps was one of twenty-two children, and Benjamin Franklin was one of seventeen. They rejoiced in names to correspond with their numbers. These are the names of Franklin's brothers: Benjamin, Jr., Experience, Wattell, Willoughby, Uriah, Peter, Hopehill, Walk, Thankful, Patience, Mercy and Supply.

It is interesting to note that the Sabbath hour has gradually moved from noon until evening. The worthy Puritans believed to be a corruption of the Sabbath or 3 o'clock, the hour at which our Lord Himself died. Many New England conquerors ate their principal meal at noon. A young man from the Middle States visited New York on a certain occasion and wrote home thus: "Hardly anybody dines at noon. Most of the people here dine at 6 o'clock. The rich folks dine at 4 o'clock, and the rich folks dine at 4 o'clock, and the rich folks dine at 4 o'clock, and the