

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

Left in a Refrigerator Car. Detectives of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad were hurried away from Milwaukee to Madison to investigate the robbery of P. H. Hartwick, the station agent at Lone Rock, Wis., which is in the passenger station, located at an isolated point, when two masked men entered. They bound him, placed a gag in his mouth and ransacked the office for money and valuables and carried the agent to a refrigerator car and left him, bound and helpless. The agent remained there an hour and a half, unable to free himself from his bonds until a passenger train arrived.

Schreffler Will Go Free. Mrs. Edith Zenstark, the complaining witness in the Schreffler murder trial at Joliet, Thursday practically admitted on the stand that she did not understand all the charges contained in the complaint at the time she affixed her signature to the document. This testimony, together with the statement of the daughter of the accused man and his own seared face, will, it is thought free the prisoner from the charges brought against him.

Missouri Man Deals in Twins. Richard Perry, a Caryville farmer, is rejoicing in the unusual luck with which Dame Fortune is favoring him. About three months ago a pair of bouncing twin boys came to gladden his household. Since then a pair of twin mules and fifteen pairs of twin lambs have materially increased his stock. Last week three little pigs joined his flock which have sixteen distinct feet, two having five each and one having six.

Killed with a Beer Faucet. Howard Ellis, 19 years old, was killed at Crawfordsville, Ind., in a saloon, being struck on the head with a beer faucet by Jim Osborn. Ellis' body was hidden in weeds. There were several persons in the fight. Osborn was arrested this evening and put in jail.

Kid's Wife Baby And Self. Poverty, ill-health and a weak-minded wife impelled Louis Elson, a shoemaker, to kill himself, his wife and 13-month-old babe with a razor and to wound his 3 1/2-year-old son. The tragedy occurred in squalid apartments in East Lexington street, Baltimore.

Sol Smith Russell Still Ill. Sol Smith Russell has canceled his engagements for next season. Mr. Russell expected to return to the stage in the fall in a new play by Michael Norton, but his physician informed him that if he hopes to regain his health he must remain away from the stage for a year more at the very least.

Drought Broken in Arizona. Rain has fallen in the Tucson valley and reports from outside districts indicate rainfall in every direction. The mining and cattle interests have suffered untold loss for lack of water and these showers come to southern Arizona as a great relief from the parched conditions that have existed for many weeks past.

Hardcore Swims to Liberty. James Buckingham shot and killed Charles Mossy at Centerville, Ill., as a result of a quarrel over a game of cards. Buckingham escaped. At the same hour Joseph Davis shot and killed James Gratiot at Brooklyn. Davis evaded two marshals' probes by swimming the Mississippi river.

Hottest Record is 133 Degrees. The weather Monday at London was the hottest experienced this season. The thermometer at 11 a. m. showed 81 degrees in the shade and 133 degrees in the sun. There were many prostrations by heat, and some fatal cases have been reported. Work had to be suspended in exposed places.

Leaps from a Ferry-Boat. While the ferry-boat Arctic was midway in the Delaware between the Market street and Camden street slips, Philadelphia, an unknown man calmly tossed his hat overboard and then leaped over the rail after it. It was one of the most determined suicides known to experienced river men.

May Seek American Homes. When the war in South Africa is over 16,000 Boers, chiefly naturalized citizens of the Transvaal, will emigrate to the United States. Irish-Americans are arranging the preliminaries for this movement.

World's Christian Endeavor convention at Alexandra Palace grounds, London, participated in by 20,000 persons. Camp food supply almost exhausted in a day.

Convention composed exclusively of colored delegates from all parts of the world to be held in London. "Brotherhood of Man" will be the topic.

Police will protect Chinese in Chicago. Minority stockholders smash doors and gain control of the Joliet Wire company's plant.

St. Louis Transit company refuses to submit the differences that exist between its employees and itself to arbitration.

Fifteen couples will spend their way to St. Joseph, Mo., from Indiana in order to get married cheaply.

Heavy rain in the town and suburbs has not yet let the crop beyond reach.

POLYGLOT MILL EMPLOYEES.

Change in Nationalities of the Cotton Factory Workers in New England. A change is gradually taking place in the nationality of cotton mill employees in New England. This has become more noticeable with the recent increased activity of the mills. In some Connecticut and Rhode Island mills Greeks are being hired, while in many Fall River mills preference is being given to Portuguese and Poles, who have been arriving there quite rapidly in the last twelve months. Russians were quite acceptable at one time, but it was found that they sought work outside of the mills as soon as they saved a little money. The influx of French Canadians has long ceased to be a subject of comment. Of all the foreign elements, manufacturers say the Portuguese are the most docile and faithful. The Canadian element is a much more independent one to handle, and is more mercurial in its movements from mill to mill. The Poles find it difficult to get beyond the more simple operations until they have made some attempt at mastering the English language. But the change in the nationality of the help in the mills is not quite so striking as the substitution for women and young girls of men varying in age from twenty-one to forty-five years. This is more noticeable in the "country mills," but there are many examples of it in Fall River. It was the custom until within a short period to have no men working on spinners, warpers, or some cloth machines. But men are being preferred now in these employments, more particularly in those mills that run long hours. Better wages are being offered to men in these departments than they can earn in other departments where more labor is required. Men who have been driven out in a measure by the advent of the foreign help have taken up the work that was done by women.—New York Post.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Industry pays debts, while despair increaseth them.—Franklin. Men of culture are the true apostles of equality.—Matthew Arnold. Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation.—H. W. Beecher. Laughing cheerfulness throws sunlight on all the paths of life.—Richter. There is no killing the suspicion that deceit has once begotten.—George Elliot. They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts.—Sir Philip Sidney. The necessity of circumstances proves friends and detects enemies.—Epictetus. The testimony of a good conscience is the glory of a good man.—Thomas a Kempis. There is a remedy for every wrong, and a satisfaction for every soul.—Emerson. Begin your day with a clean conscience in every way. Cleanliness is honesty.—Thackeray. The rarest feeling that ever lights a human face is the contentment of a loving soul.—H. W. Beecher. Every one carries his destiny in his own bosom. Fate is but the deepest current of one's nature.—Dr. Bellegarde.

The Flag in Decoration.

Writing of "Civic Festivals and Processions" in the Century, Charles R. Lamb says on the subject of the flag in decoration: "The Stars and Stripes, though not the most successful piece of decoration, can still be so treated as successfully to combine with any scheme; but to do this it should be massed over doorways or stands, or, if used separately, should be hung repetitively from the windows along the entire line of parade, preferably on one of the upper stories, so as to give a continuous line of red, white, and blue from house to house. "The American flag is not impossible of successful treatment: we have already begun to imitate the French manner of raying small flags in an upright position from a common base, and repeating these groups at intervals; but the tricolor busting is one of the most difficult to use satisfactorily, because the equal proportion of red to blue is not a fortunate color-combination. It would therefore be advisable that the committee in charge should select those symbolic colors which would be appropriate, and use them in such quantity as would give a definite color-scheme to the entire line."

Remnants of Lafayette Family.

There are great-great-grandchildren of Lafayette now living, but the immediate family connection has dwindled to a bare fifty. The Marquis de Lesteryle, one of the best known of the connection, has told me considerable of his ancient house, which still holds prestige in the nation, although the average Frenchman is remarkably ignorant on the subject of Lafayette's history. La Grange, the country home of Lafayette, a few leagues from Paris, has been a shrine for a century for visiting Americans, and when the Marquis was alive was noted for its hospitalities. The present family keeps a portion of its traditions in this respect, and gave me an invitation to visit the grand old castle. Its five pointed towers, from the Norman days of the tenth century, loom picturesquely through the trees. The mark of a cannon-ball upon one of the towers is still visible, a grim reminder of the troubled period when the castle was attacked by the Marquis de Turenne.—Woman's Home Companion.

LATEST FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Record of the Last Six Days at the Front GIVEN IN CONDENSED FORM.

British Detachments East of Brno. Capt. Currie and Lieut. Kirk Killed—British Capture Bothabehn.

Wednesday, July 11. The whole of the government of President Steyn of the Orange Free State has surrendered except Steyn himself. Collapse of De Wet's forces expected. Lord Methuen will return from south-Africa because of differences with officers.

Thursday, July 12. Boers won an all-day battle and captured Nital's Nek, near Pretoria, taking many of Lord Roberts' men prisoners. They took a squadron of cavalry and ninety infantrymen.

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Wheat—No. 4 red, 70 1/2; No. 3 red, 74; No. 2 red, new, 82; No. 4 hard, 74 1/2; No. 3 hard, 78 1/2; No. 2 hard, 82 1/2; No. 1 northern, 88 1/2; No. 2 northern, 84 1/2; No. 3 spring, 76 for ordinary; good wheat, 78 1/2; and choice to fancy, 76 1/2 to 77 1/2; No. 1 spring, 76 1/2; No. 2, 74 1/2; No. 3, 72 1/2; No. 4, 70 1/2; No. 5, 68 1/2; No. 6, 66 1/2; No. 7, 64 1/2; No. 8, 62 1/2; No. 9, 60 1/2; No. 10, 58 1/2; No. 11, 56 1/2; No. 12, 54 1/2; No. 13, 52 1/2; No. 14, 50 1/2; No. 15, 48 1/2; No. 16, 46 1/2; No. 17, 44 1/2; No. 18, 42 1/2; No. 19, 40 1/2; No. 20, 38 1/2; No. 21, 36 1/2; No. 22, 34 1/2; No. 23, 32 1/2; No. 24, 30 1/2; No. 25, 28 1/2; No. 26, 26 1/2; No. 27, 24 1/2; No. 28, 22 1/2; No. 29, 20 1/2; No. 30, 18 1/2; No. 31, 16 1/2; No. 32, 14 1/2; No. 33, 12 1/2; No. 34, 10 1/2; No. 35, 8 1/2; No. 36, 6 1/2; No. 37, 4 1/2; No. 38, 2 1/2; No. 39, 1 1/2; No. 40, 1/2.

PROPERTY BURNED.

Weldman's lumber yard at Weldman, Mich., was set on fire by lightning, and about 9,000,000 feet of sawed lumber burned. The total loss is estimated at \$135,000, partially insured. At Bay City, Michigan fire destroyed 1,000,000 feet of lumber belonging to Handy Bros., valued at \$15,000 and insured for the same amount; also about 10,000 feet owned by W. H. Nickless, worth \$1,200 and insured. Several hundreds cords of slabs and a long line of trams were also burned. At Denver, Colo., Sunday, a fire in the Colorado iron works destroyed the boiler and assay rooms and the foundry, causing a loss of \$40,000. Fire destroyed all the fruit and houses and leading business houses of New Castle, California. The total loss will exceed \$100,000. Over 10,000 boxes of fruit were burned. Car Blown Up; Bus Smashed. Sunday a Transit car was

McKINLEY GETS NOTICE

That He Has Been Nominated for President.

WAS A BIG DAY AT CANTON.

Selections from the Chairman's Speech—Mr. McKinley's Reply—Gov. Roosevelt, at Oyster Bay, N. Y., Also Hears Officially of His Nomination.

The second notification of William McKinley that he had been selected as the nominee of the Republican party for president was made at Canton, O., on Thursday, at the same place as the first, and all the accessories were similar to the occasion four years ago. Then the chairman of the committee was Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska, who had been permanent chairman of the convention. Today, Senator Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts was the spokesman. All Canton turned out to witness the ceremonies, which took place on the famous front porch.

Senator Lodge said, in part: "Mr. President: This committee, representing every state in the union and the organized territories of the United States, was duly appointed to announce to you, formally, your nomination by the Republican national convention, which met in Philadelphia on June 19 last, as the candidate of the Republican party for president of the United States for the term beginning March 4, 1901.

"This nomination comes to you, sir, under circumstances which give it a higher significance and make it an even deeper expression of honor and trust than usual. With the exception of the period in which Washington organized the nation and built the state, and of those other awful years when Lincoln led his people through the agony of civil war, and saved from destruction the work of Washington, there never has been a presidential term in our history so crowded with great events."

Replying to Senator Lodge, President McKinley accepted the nomination as "a summons to duty," adding: "If anything exceeds the honor of the office of president of the United States, it is the responsibility which attaches to it. Having been invested with both, I do not underappreciate either. Any one who has borne the anxieties and burdens of the presidential office, especially in time of national trial, cannot contemplate assuming it a second time without profoundly realizing the severe exactions and the solemn obligations which it imposes, and this feeling is accentuated by the momentous problems which now press for settlement."

Governor Roosevelt also was officially notified of his nomination for the vice-presidency at his country home, Sagamore, near Oyster Bay.

The notification committee appointed by the Republican convention at Philadelphia left New York on a special train at 10:30 o'clock and made a quick run to Oyster Bay, where carriages were in waiting to convey them to Sagamore. A number of the members of the notification committee were not present. Several invited guests accompanied the party, most of them prominent New Yorkers.

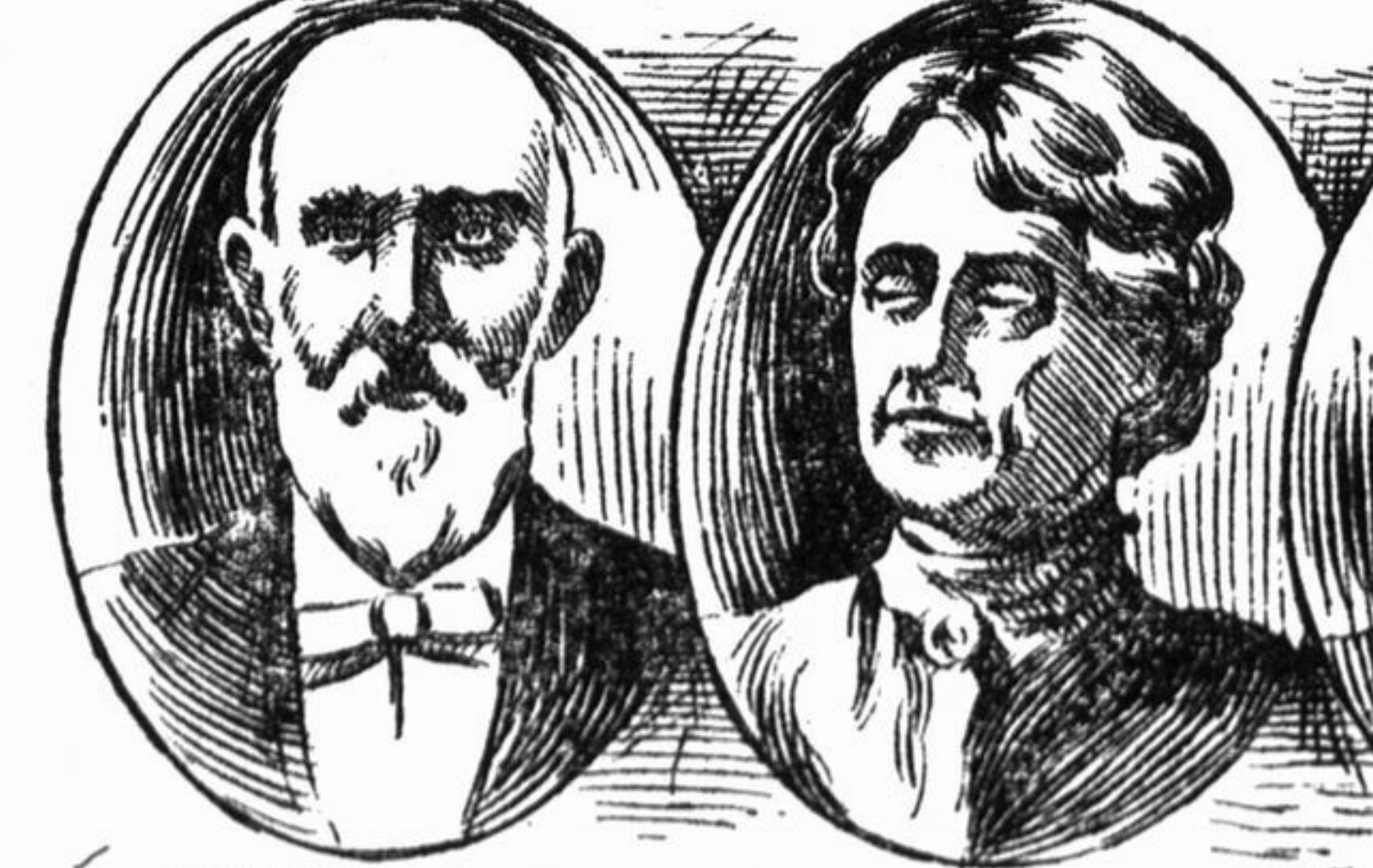
Several of the railroads have introduced bicycle cars, which have taken the place of the cumbersome and heavy old fashioned handcars, and according to the railroad men, the bicycle cars are giving excellent satisfaction. These cars are generally used for road inspection, yet heavy loads can be carried on them when necessary. The bicycle car is made of the regulation tubing and contains two drop frames side by side, connected by tubing, and having four wheels. The wheels are made of sheet steel, with regulation bicycle spokes, and the rims are covered with solid rubber tires. The machines complete weigh between seventy and eighty pounds, and can be easily lifted from the track to make way for an approaching train. The machines are all ball bearing, and are generally geared from eighty to ninety-six. There is no steering, of course, and this will confuse the average wheelman when he mounts the machine for the first time.

The Michigan division of the League of American Wheelmen is preparing a bill for introduction in the legislature providing for a road toll tax, says the Detroit Free Press. It will provide that every able-bodied man in the state between and inclusive of the ages of 21 and 60 shall pay this tax, and the receipts will be used to build and repair roads in the county in which it is collected and where the petitioners for such roads will agree to pay their whole road taxes in cash instead of in work. The plan has received satisfactory approval.

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Prof. Ernst Haeckel, the distinguished German naturalist at Jena, though 66 years of age, has decided to make once more the long trip to Java and the Celebes, where he will spend the winter studying the fossil anthropoid ape, some remains of which were found not long ago in those islands. He hopes to be able to show that this monkey is the missing link between apes and man. With this discovery he is willing to close his scientific researches.

THE ALEXANDER JESTER TRIAL.



ALEXANDER JESTER. MRS CORNELIA STREET. GILBERT GATES.

The trial of Alexander Jester at New London, Mo., is evidently destined to take a notable place in criminal annals.

The crime of which he was accused was committed thirty years ago. Jester, it is known, was traveling in 1871 in company with a young man, Gilbert Gates, by wagon to his old home in Indiana. Jester arrived at his destination with some of Gates' possessions, but Gates himself never reappeared alive. Relatives who set forth to find him discovered what they thought to be signs of blood on the snow and his body was said to have been seen floating down a stream, but even that appears to be uncertain. Jester, after being arrested, managed to escape and lived under an alias for many years until his rearrest several months ago. His own sister, Mrs. Cornelia Street, strange to relate, was the cause of his recapture. In the middle of June, 1899, the sheriff of Sedgewick County, of which Mrs. Street

was a resident, received from her a letter, in which she wrote: "I wish to make to you a statement in regard to my brother, whose name is Alexander Jester, who was arrested near Valley Center, Kan., in the year 1871, May 2, for killing a young man for his team, watch and clothing. The murder was committed in Missouri, near Warrenburg. My brother was arrested for murdering this young man and I know of my own personal knowledge that he is guilty of the charge."

He was given a preliminary hearing in Wichita and was sent to Missouri near where the crime was committed and broke jail. He is my own brother, but I want him punished for that crime. My brother is living in Shawnee, O. T., and is known by the name of W. H. Hill. Hill or Jester was arrested at once. He was then passing as a preacher and cattle owner. Alfred Fields, who lived at Middle

Grove in 1871, told of a conversation he had overheard between Jester and young Gates. Mr. Fields had attempted to trade horses with Jester while they were passing through Middle Grove. Not desiring to trade with Jester, the prisoner inquired of young Gates if he would trade, to which Gates replied that he would neither trade nor sell his team.

Mrs. Alexander Clark saw Alexander Jester pass through the Hulen lane on Jan. 24, 1871, with two teams and two wagons. She could see a body shake in the front wagon as it moved along the road. She saw this when Jester raised the covering of the wagon to look back at the team following. The witness at first did not remember whether the body was in the front or rear wagon, but finally concluded it was in the rear wagon. In the month of March, when the rains had swelled Reece Creek, she saw the body of a young man with long brown hair floating down that stream.

Friday, July 13.

Battle at Nital's Nek is described as part of a Boer plan to capture Pretoria, and the battle near the city was raging when the latest news was sent. Gen. Botha is fighting north of the Vaal in the effort to save Dewet's army from capture.

Fifteen Drown in Flood.

Fifteen lives are known to have been lost in a cloudburst at Coleman, Tex., Monday. Ten bodies were recovered, but only two were identified. They are: Joseph Spath, leading merchant of the village; John Fulestine. It is feared that many more lives were lost in the valley below Coleman. The cloudburst, which followed three days of unprecedented rainfall, caused Ford's creek to burst its banks and rush through Coleman, a village of less than 1,000 inhabitants. Bewildered citizens roused from their slumbers ran into the streets and were swept away. Many were saved by catching hold of pieces of timber and navigating them into eddies formed by the swift current, whence they were drawn ashore.

West Virginia Republicans.

The Republicans of West Virginia have nominated the following ticket: For governor, A. B. White; for auditor, Arnold C. Scherr; for treasurer, Peter Silman; for attorney-general, Romeo H. Freer; for superintendent of schools, Thomas C. Miller; for supreme judges, Henry Brannon, Geo. Poffenbarger; for electors-at-large, Benson B. McMakin and J. A. Lewis.

Held for Forging Bad Checks.

S. M. Mason, a young man in the uniform of a lieutenant of the regular army, was presented in the police court at Louisville, Ky., on a security warrant and on the charge of being a fugitive. Mason, it is alleged, is wanted at Chicago, Columbus, O., Indianapolis and other places for passing forged checks.

Serious Fire in Altona, Ill.

The business portion of Altona, Ill., was seriously damaged by fire. The fire started in the Torquist wagon factory. The fire engine gave out and the flames then spread rapidly, taking the Torquist building, the electric light plant and the B. H. Scott store. Mr. Scott's loss is \$5,200. The electric light plant had not long been in operation, and was valued at \$2,000. Torquist's loss was \$4,000 on his factory, and he also owned the lighting plant.

Find a Human Head in a Pail.

A human head, cut clean from the body, was found in a minnow pail bobbing up and down near the electric-light works dock, on the shore below the Grand hotel, Mackinac Island. The ghastly discovery was made by Robert and Walter Brown and several other lads who were in wading. The head had been wrapped in a cloth and jammed down into the pail, the cloth being covered with dried blood.

South Dakota Fusion Ticket.

The Populists and Democrats have nominated the following ticket in South Dakota: Governor, B. H. Lein of Sioux Falls; lieutenant-governor, Abe Vanosdel of Yankton; secretary of state, Fred B. Smith of Brown; auditor, F. J. Tracy of Edmunds; treasurer, Charles D. Tedrick of Chamberlain; superintendent of lands, Edmund Cook of Roberts; attorney-general, A. E. Attechook of Davison; superintendent of schools, Miss Lena Aasved of Day; railway commissioner, W. T. La Follette of Brule; for congress, 1st district, Gov. Andrew E. Lee; for congress, 2d district, Joseph B. Moore. The nominee for governor is a populist.

Western Union Elects Officers.

Thursday the stockholders of the Western Union Telegraph company held their annual meeting at the company's offices in Jersey City, when the following directors were elected: Thomas T. Eckert, Charles A. Tinker, A. R. Brewer, A. B. Bert-hoff. The directors subsequently elected Thomas T. Eckert, president; Charles A. Tinker, vice-president, and Thomas F. Clark, secretary.

McChord Bill Knocked Out.

Judge Evans of the United States court at Louisville, Ky., knocked out the McChord railroad bill, passed by the last legislature, declaring it unconstitutional, and granting the Louisville and Nashville, Chesapeake and Ohio, Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis, and Southern railroads an injunction against the state railroad commission.

Seventy-Five People Burned.

People gathered in large numbers in the freight yard of the Boston and Maine railroad in Somerville, Mass., Friday night, to watch a fire among some cars. About seventy-five persons, mostly boys, stood on an oil tank car near the blazing freight cars, when a spark set the oil drippings on fire, and in an instant there was an explosion. Thirteen men and boys, several burned fatally, were removed to the Somerville hospital, nine to the Boston hospital, and others to their homes. Two died of their burns.

Blown up by dynamite in North St. Louis and four persons were injured.

The car was hurled from the tracks and badly splintered. A strikers' omnibus filled with passengers was run into by a Suburban car, the only union line in the city, and twelve persons were hurt. Two of the occupants were seriously injured. With Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, now rests the hopes of the street railway employes union for a satisfactory adjustment of the differences between the union and the Transit company. Arbitration of the strike may be agreed upon.

Boy Rescued from Oxydes.

After two years in the captivity of a band of gypsies, a life which was a living death, Elmer Morgan, aged 12 years, was rescued Monday ten miles north of Belleville, Ill. Young Morgan was kidnapped from an orphanage at Belle Vernon, Pa., in April, 1898, and from that time his life has been one round of drugging and pain, the gypsies treating him with the utmost cruelty, whipping him until he could not stand, and stoning him besides. His screams Monday while he was being whipped brought about his rescue by farmers.

Failed to Dislodge the Mayas.

The ineffectual attempts that have been made by the Mexican government troops to obtain an entrance to Chan Santa Cruz, which is occupied by the Maya Indians as their principal stronghold, has caused Gen. Bravo to decide to send the flotilla of small gunboats and transports up the Yondo river with about 2,000 soldiers, and the Mayas will be attacked from the Belize border. The Indians have thrown out a strong line of defense on the whole northern boundary of their country.