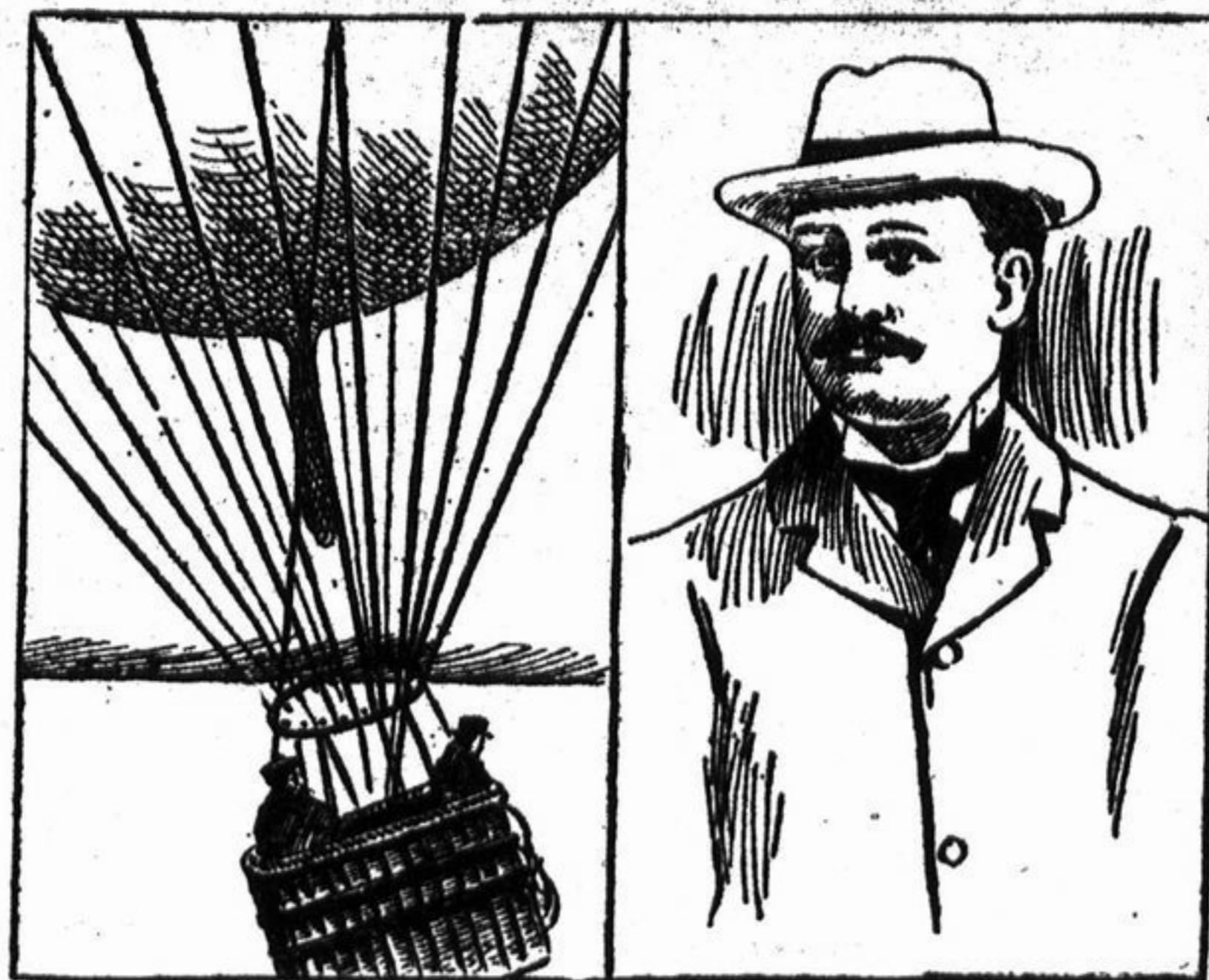


Comte de la Vaulx and His Balloon.

The Comte de La Vaulx last week made an unsuccessful attempt to cross the Mediterranean sea in a balloon under the escort of two French naval vessels...



The new governor of Porto Rico was a classmate of the governor-general of the Philippines. Judge Taft and Judge Hunt were friends throughout their course at Yale and graduated together in 1878.

Russia's Success in Manchuria. A correspondent of the London Chronicle who recently traversed Manchuria, gives some interesting details showing how complete is the Russianification of that far Chinese province.

yards. Russian gunboats command the river passages and Russian civil administration extends to all the chief cities and markets. The Muscovite dominance is equally marked in private business enterprises.

The significant feature of this sweeping change is the fact that the Manchus rather like it. These nomad Tartars never had much sympathy for the fossilized conservatism and absurd ceremonialism that seem so dear to the Chinaman.

They find that they can speak freely and informally to Russian officials, and they appreciate the difference. The Russians also are developing the mines and industries of the country with amazing energy.

The net result is that the Manchus are fairly reconciled to Muscovite rule. The silent methods of Russia as yet have availed to annex the new empire without a struggle.

Louisville Girl and Her Titled Fiance.



Miss Betty Ellison, the Louisville girl who is to marry Sir Charles Henry Augustus Frederick Lockhart Ross of England, is a descendant of one of America's most distinguished revolutionary families.

The marriage is to take place in Louisville about the middle of November. After spending the winter months in London and in Scotland Sir Charles and Lady Charles will return to Montreal, where they will reside for a year.



that the volunteer system had not shown itself inadequate and that 'ballooting for service' under the ancient law would 'inevitably lead to conscription, which if put in force would provoke a reactionary feeling against the war in South Africa.

A few months later, however, an act was passed 'to increase the usefulness of the volunteers' in 'great emergency.' The militia, the yeomanry and the volunteers have hitherto been free from compulsory service abroad.

According to tradition that was the duty of the regulars exclusively. The reserve and the auxiliary have been maintained as home defense, with no exception of being called into action.

British Conscription. Kitchener's demand for 25,000 more men ready for immediate service in South Africa is interpreted by semi-official army and navy journals as equivalent to resort to conscription.

Advance lodge of the Amalgamated association held a special meeting at Joliet to consider the situation, and appointed a committee to see that the rights of the men are protected. There may be new trouble as a result of the alleged attempt to bar some of the...

An English Duster. The ordinary feather duster in the hands of the housemaid has the faculty of stirring up the dust and causing it to alight elsewhere about the room instead of cleaning it up, as should be done. There are already in use pneumatic dusters, which will draw the dust into a tube connected with the brush, but it was impossible to use them for light work on account of the motor necessary to run the suction fan at the end of the hose.

Minnesota is called the 'Bread and Butter State,' and rightly, too, for the last year her mills turned out 26,520,509 barrels of flour and churned over 60,000,000 pounds of butter.

ILLINOIS ITEMS

The trial of Bedford Phillips, Thomas V. McCoy and Henry Holt, charged with the murder of William Edgar McCoy, which occurred at Hunt City, Jan. 29, was concluded at Newton Monday. Phillips and McCoy were convicted of manslaughter. Holt was acquitted.

Linn Bidler committed suicide at Springfield by hanging. Despondency was the cause. Bidler was appointed postmaster of Mount Pulaski by Lincoln, was removed by Johnson, and reappointed by Grant in 1869, holding the position until 1882.

The National Shorthand Reporters' association has decided to ask Congress to pass a law providing for the appointment of an official reporter in every Federal court of the country.

The twenty-ninth annual state Y. M. C. A. convention opened at Dixon Thursday at the Methodist church. Thursday evening Congressman Foss delivered a memorial address on 'William McKinley, the Christian Statesman.'

The football game at Galesburg between Knox college and St. Albans was characterized by much fumbling and was won by Knox by the score of 17 to 0. The Knox game was a bucking one. St. Albans put up a better game than was expected.

Some well drilled at work in the bottom of a slough on the farm of Harvey Schriber near Rock Island when at a depth of about fourteen feet struck sand stone that crumbles readily at the touch.

George Debarr, for several years employed in Chicago as a bookkeeper, is in the custody of the officers at Joliet awaiting requisition papers that will authorize his return to Missouri on a charge of forgery.

Charles Scott was taken from the county hospital at Chicago in an ambulance to Judge Kavanaugh's court to testify in the Harry Armstrong murder trial, and lay on a cot in front of the jury box while he told his story.

George Sumner, head bookkeeper for A. M. Rothschild & Co., Chicago, disappeared, taking firm checks for \$3,500.

Women's clubs in convention at Decatur got into a row over report on teachers' pension fund. Mrs. Flower resigned chairmanship of legislative committee.

Comiskey's association football team, 6; Milwaukee, 1. After a long contest over the license question in Carbondale the city council by a ballot of 5 to 2 voted saloons out of the city.

The Aurora city council at a special session tried to solve the Carnegie library controversy. On Tuesday evening Aurora Post, G. A. R., voted consent for the removal of their memorial hall to the rear of an open court adjoining its present site.

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The Northern Illinois Dental Society adjourned at Joliet after selecting Rockford as the place of next meeting. Officers were elected as follows: President, C. J. Sowie, Rockford;

An unknown man about 50 years old was struck by a west-bound passenger train due at Earlville at 7 o'clock and died three hours later. 'G. Bookem' was written with ink on the inside of the vest.

Reports are in circulation at Springfield and are going out from there to the effect that the supreme court is about to sustain Judge Thompson's decision in the famous mandamus case brought by the Teachers' Federation of Chicago to compel the state board of equalization to assess the capital stock of certain corporations on a different basis than that adopted by the state board last year.

The trial of Rev. Edward Fleming of Chicago, charged with unbefitting conduct, continued all day Thursday before the judicial commission of the Presbyterian synod, and occupied part of the night session.

The University of Chicago band is to be barred from performing at university receptions and indoor gatherings because of its size. Its place at small affairs will be taken by an orchestra which is being organized by Professor Glen W. Hobbs, the leader of the band.

George M. Faught, aged 55 years 8 months and 20 days, died at a Litchfield hotel of typhoid fever. Mr. Faught was born in Kenton, O., in 1848 and came to Illinois in 1865. He was a member of the firm of Johnston Brothers & Faught of St. Elmo, Ill., railroad contractors.

William Bishop, a Chicago lawyer who lived in Waukegan, found near Rochester, N. Y., with his throat cut. How he came to his death is a mystery, but it is believed he committed suicide.

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Kankakee insane hospital acquired of state by coroner's jury in the Colby case.

The Education Committee... The Aurora city council at a special session tried to solve the Carnegie library controversy.

Nordenkold found that the white bears generally went through a long performance of staking his fellows, clearly on the mistaken conclusion that they were seals.

Mrs. Dyer's Heart. McCarron, Mich., Oct. 21.—In April last the sensational case of Mrs. Samuel G. Dyer of this place was reported in these columns.

Since then Mrs. Dyer has received hundreds of inquiries as to her condition and many are interested to hear that she is at present enjoying the best of health and has not had the slightest return of the Heart Trouble.

Formerly she had to sit up in bed for hours to get relief; now she goes about as smartly as any lady of 65 years in the State. Dodd's Kidney Pills have made many friends in Chipewawa County through their cure of Mrs. Dyer's case.

Not until twenty years ago were circuses allowed to exhibit in Vermont, but the circuses used to skirt three sides of the state closely, and it was most gratifying to the proprietors to see the way in which men, women and children of the Green mountains used to troop across the border into New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, to enjoy the feasts forbidden to them at home.

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

The National Magazine of Boston has the unique magazine feature of the month. This is a portrait of President McKinley's little daughter, Katie, who died at the age of three and a half years.

The November Century—in many respects an unusually striking number—will begin the magazine's thirty-second year, which is to be a Year of American Humor.

The November Bostonian. A reasonable atmosphere rises from the various useful and valuable features of the November Bostonian.

Elizabetta, in her old age, had a red nose and was very much ashamed of it. One of her maids of honor has left a very curious account of the scrupulous care with which the queen's nose was painted and powdered before any public appearance.

Advertisement for 'Leaves' by Arnette Roselle Smith. As I went for my walk this autumnal day, The beautiful leaves falling round my way, Life a sleeping babe's sigh they softly fall, Tho' nothing but leaves what a lesson, to all.