

# The Democrat

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## TO CONFESS HIS CRIME.

BUCKEYE LEGISLATURE CALLED  
IN EXTRA SESSION.

Irish Nationalists to Visit the United States—Gold Fever in I. T.—Struck by an Engine—Will Use the Lake Front—A Half-Century Badly Slung—Up—Other Short Specials, Etc.

### HE WILL CONFESS.

Murderer Birchall Will Make a Clean Breast of His Crime.

Woodstock special: Since his conviction, Birchall has been constantly talking about the murder of Benwell, and it is probable that before the date set for his execution arrives he will have completed a clean breast of the crime. He has already made a number of important admissions regarding the case. He acknowledges that he was an accessory, and confesses that he took Benwell to Eastwood and beyond in the direction of the swamp, where the body of the young Englishman was discovered, but denies that it was his hand that slew Benwell. He does not say much about his negotiations with the victim and his father, though he freely admits he went in to swindle both them and Polly. Mrs. Birchall had an interview with her husband the other day for the first time since he was condemned to death. The interview was a brief and affecting one, Birchall exhibiting considerable emotion.

### To Visit the United States.

The Convention of the Irish National Party convened in Dublin. When the opening preliminary had been completed the convention proceeded to select the gentlemen who are to compose the deputation which is to proceed to the United States to represent the Irish political position and solicit aid for the peasant who are suffering from famine as a consequence of the potato blight. The delegation as agreed upon is constituted as follows: John Dillon, Wm. O'Brien, Thomas Power O'Connor, M. P. for Scotland, (Liverpool); Timothy D. Sullivan, M. P. for London; Green, (Dublin City); Wm. Abraham, M. P. for western division of Limerick; and Thos. P. Gill, M. P. for the southern division of Louth.

### Struck by a Locomotive.

A distressing accident occurred on the Missouri Pacific tracks at Ewing Avenue, St. Louis. While Mrs. C. Gabriel, living at No. 2410 Chouteau Avenue, and her eight-year-old daughter were crossing the railroad tracks, they were struck by a locomotive drawing a construction train. When they saw the train approaching the mother and child attempted to get out of the way, but the child slipped and fell directly in front of the engine. The mother sprang to save the little girl, but was struck and hurled twenty feet away and rendered unconscious. The child's body was terribly mutilated and dismembered.

### Covington, (Ky.) Election.

The election at Covington, Ky., was conducted by ballot system similar to the Australian system. Hitherto the method of voting has been viva voce. The result was the election of Mayor J. T. Thomas (Republican) by a majority of 46. The Republicans also elected the city engineer, three of the five Aldermen, five of the ten Councilmen and five of the ten members of the School Board. The Democrats elected the Assessor. This is the first Republican mayor in twenty-five years.

### Boycott Bob Ingersoll.

The private secretary of Robert G. Ingersoll has had considerable difficulty at Philadelphia in securing a suitable hall for the Colonel's lecture on "Art and Morality." The officers of the Academy of Music declined to rent the academy to any person who advocates infidelity and atheism. An attempt to secure the Union League hall was also unsuccessful. Finally Horticultural Hall was secured, and the lecture, which is designed to be a testimonial benefit to Walt Whitman, is arranged for Oct. 31.

Extra Session of the Ohio Legislature Called.

Governor Campbell has called the Ohio Legislature to convene in extra session Tuesday, October 26, for the purpose of passing before the present called session convened on June 1, 1910, by proclamation of Governor Robert Lucas to consider the question relating to the southern boundary line and extension of our constitutional boundaries as described in law enacted at general session.

### Gold Fever Expected.

Authentic reports have been received at Arizuma, Indian Territory, of the finding of immense veins of gold and silver in the Arbuckle Mountains in the Chickasaw nation, forty-five miles north of that city. Army officers and others who have gone through that region have long said that gold was in the Arbuckle Mountains. A small sized California gold fever is expected.

### The World's Fair.

Chicago special: The committee of the Local World's Fair Directory sent to Washington to confer with Secretary Proctor in reference to the use of the Lake front have returned. They bring with them a letter from the Secretary addressed to the Directory, but worth in which it gives formal consent by the War Department to the piling of the lake basin.

### Don't Like It.

The newspapers of Mexico call on the Government to appeal to the Postal Union against the action of the United States Government in forbidding the transportation of Mexican newspapers bearing Mexican postage with lottery advertisements.

### Blaine Will Not Campaign in Ohio.

Mr. Blaine says he will probably not be able to visit Ohio to take part in the campaign in McKinley's district, although he desires to do so.

### A Farmer and a Sport.

Who Held Up a Train in Missouri, Under Arrest.

Livingston (Mo.) special: The Ottaville train robbers were captured at Emin, Mo., and are now in jail in this city. Detective Thomas Faling has been quietly working on the case since August 19, when a Missouri Pacific train was held up by masked men in Robbers' Cut, Ottaville. Two weeks ago he located the hold-up bandits. Keeping his own counsel and at the same time holding the men under strict surveillance, he finally completed a web of evidence that warranted their arrest. In company with the deputies he proceeded to the house of Horatio S. Hines, a farmer, near Emin, and arrested him and his pal, Frank Hoffman, a country sport and all-around thug. Hines attempted to show fight, and when he saw the visitors were he grabbed a Winchester rifle from the wall, but was dis-

armed before he could use it. The men were brought to this place. It was at first said that five men were engaged in the robbery, but it now seems that Hines and Hoffman unaided held up the train. With one revolver the engineer and his revolver the other forced Express Agent Avery to surrender to him two packages supposedly containing money, but subsequent development showed that these amateur bandits had made a water haul, as the packages contained nothing but \$100 worth of jewelry and railroad vouchers.

### BANDITS IN OHIO.

Two Masked Men Blind and Gag an Express Messenger and Rifle the Safe in the Car of \$1,000.

As train No. 2 on the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Cleveland road was pulling out of Urbana the other morning at 3 o'clock two masked men broke in the Adams Express Company's car, and presenting revolvers at the head of A. L. Scudder, the Express Messenger, demanded the keys. Scudder surrendered and was then bound hand and foot and gagged. The robbers then searched Scudder's pockets, securing \$75, and his watch, and then the keys to the safe of its contents about \$1,000. The train had reached West Liberty, a small town, by this time, and the robbers left the car and took a position on the platform. Scudder succeeded in calling the attention of the local agent and was liberated and the alarm given, but the robbers covered the trainmen with their guns and ordered the train to proceed, which it did, and just as they reached Bellefontaine the robbers left the train and disappeared in the darkness with the booty. Scudder saw them jump and fired upon them. They returned the fire with a volley from both revolvers, however, doing no damage. A reward has been offered for their capture, and no blame is attached to him. His doors were locked, and the first information he had was the cool end of a pistol held at his head, with the hood-curtain. "Throw up your hands!" the ringleader of the party said, but short work, and by the time the robbers were through Scudder had regained his voice and began to follow. One of the masked men placed his revolver at his head and pulled the trigger, but the gun snapped without effect. The ringleader then ordered the other robber then interfered and saved the messenger's life by standing between him and his pal, saying, "We do not need to kill him."

Superintendent Bimble, of the Adams Express Company, in a circular described the men as follows: Five feet 11 inches in height, weighing in the neighborhood of 180 pounds each, wearing plain black overalls, one with a cap, the other with a hat.

### FELINE FIEND.

A Huge Cat Licks the Breath of a Six-Months-Old Child.

Chicago special: The coroner has been notified that little Stella Woyda, a 6-months-old child, was killed by a big cat. The cat was actually drawn out by the feline. The baby's father and mother reside at 1046 North Hoyne avenue. In the afternoon the baby was in the cradle, the cat being placed along side of it for a plaything. During the evening the cat was noticed that it kept continually near the baby's bed, but little attention was paid to this. In the evening, thinking the child was sleeping remarkably well, Mrs. Woyda went to the cradle and was horrified to find the infant dead. The cat had sucked its life away. Efforts were made to resuscitate the child, but without avail. As soon as the facts became known among the neighbors there was a general clean-out of cats. Fables that for years had enjoyed the efforts of a good home and a good mother, were now being mercilessly "fired" into the world, and it is safe to say that in the immediate vicinity where the child lived there are not now half a dozen felines. The murderous cat is one of the common species and particularly large. It has been a household pet for several years—in fact, since it was a kitten. When the mother discovered that the baby was dead, she drove the cat out from the bed, and it disappeared and did not return. The cat was found under the house, came back and crawled under the house where its young ones lay and where it remained till drawn out. The case is a peculiar one in many respects, and excited no little consternation in the neighborhood.

### NO KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

On the New York Central—They Must Give Up Their Organization or Leave the Company.

The New York Central officials have decided to have no more Knights of Labor shall be employed on the road, and Vice-President Webb has issued a circular directing the heads of the various departments to make their decision known. The circular is addressed to the general manager, general superintendent, chief engineer, and superintendent of motive power and rolling stock, and says: "The recent strike and the acts of lawlessness committed in connection therewith, the published correspondence between the leaders of the organization and the company, and the fact that many men now seeking re-employment, state that they quit work from fear of personal violence and did not dare to offer to resume work for the same reason, compel the management of the company to announce that it objects to employ members of the organization known as 'Knights of Labor.'"

### PRIESTS STILL PRESIDE.

What Governor Thomas Says About the Mormons.

The Mormon question has been discussed at some length by the governor of Utah. He asserts that the Mormons are governed by the priests, and that in every political and business activity the church is put first, the country afterwards. The population of the Territory is estimated to be 220,000, an increase of 55 per cent. during the past ten years. Large numbers of Mormons are recruited by immigration from Great Britain and Scandinavian countries. The report says that the average number of foreign-born persons brought to the Territory by the Mormons about eighteen hundred annually, and that this average has probably been maintained during the past year. The Governor says that political and official Mormonism deals in evasions and meaningless words, or words of doubtful meaning, hypocritical pretenses and false assertions. Its attitude toward polygamy is evasive in the last degree. It knows that there has been no change on the subject, but it seeks to convey the impression that there has been.

Five Men Killed by the Explosion of a Boiler.

At Chevalia, McNairy County, Tenn., five men were instantly killed by the explosion of a steam boiler belonging to Mr. Gentry, who had recently bought the mill. Gentry's body was torn into shreds. William Johnson had his head torn from his body and it was thrown

fifty yards from the mill; Walter Pittman and his brother and a son of Gentry's were killed. A negro was badly injured and it is thought he will die. There was another person injured but not seriously.

Morley's Condemnation of the English Government.

London special: Mr. Morley's outspoken condemnation of the course of the Government and the police in the officially conducted riot at Tipperary, and of the brazen partiality of the court before which O'Brien and Dillon are being tried, and the meeting of the Liberal leaders at Howden to discuss the situation and decide upon the course of the party, presage a very lively time for the Government as soon as Parliament reopens next month, and the disgraceful Balfour regime will probably receive the hardest blow which it has experienced. Mr. Morley had yet to give expression to the result of his tour, as viewed from the side of the potato famine, the immediate interest of the public having been attracted just now to the flagrant outrages at Tipperary.

The Rev. Mr. McFadden, a priest, declares that Mr. Jackson, the Financial Secretary of the Treasury, who gave so roseate an account of his trip to Ireland, never went near the really distressed parts in Ireland, about which he pretends to talk so glibly, and that his misrepresentations of the state of the crops in Ireland are willful.

A Divorce in High Life.

Mrs. R. W. Rathbone, Jr., of Chicago, has decided to apply for a divorce on the grounds that her husband has been unfaithful to her. Mrs. Rathbone is the daughter of A. B. Pullman, a brother of the late George Pullman. Mr. Rathbone is the son of a leading fur merchant, and the two families are conspicuous in the best society of Chicago. Mr. Rathbone is accused of having been unfaithful to his wife, a New York physician, who has been in Chicago for some time past. The latter vehemently denies the charges and characterizes them as baseless lies. The couple have been married thirteen years.

Penny Postage.

It is well understood that the Postmaster General is strongly in favor of the establishment of a postal saving bank, and it is believed his next annual report will advocate the adoption of the plan which may seem to him the most practicable to carry out at the present time. When Mr. Wamaker addressed himself again to Congress he will no doubt give it the benefit of his investigations into the practicability of a reduction of the present letter postage to one cent. He will find a strong point in his favor in the coming year, the reduction of postage made in 1883 from three to two cents, which eventually resulted in an increase instead of a reduction of postage.

Dreadful Destination.

Denver special: Alonzo Moore, a prominent Linden, Colo., merchant, arrived here, and in an interview says: "It is estimated that there are at least one hundred and fifty persons in a destitute condition and who will suffer for the necessities of life unless aid is procured. These settlers reside in what is known as the 'Rain Belt' of Eastern Arapahoe County. Owing to the scarcity of rain during the week, the crops have been a total failure. Most of these destitute families have recently come into the county and relied upon this year's crops for a start."

Kidnapped a Girl.

Two discharged colored farm hands of John Brown, a well-to-do farmer of Perryville, Va., kidnapped his daughter Julia, aged 20, took her to a hut in a ravine and kept her there for a week, assaulting her repeatedly and forcing whisky down her throat. They then left her. The fiends' names are Saml. Johnson and Jack Williams. A searching party went out when she failed to return home, but it was some time before she was found. She was almost dead when she was rescued. The kidnappers were instantly arrested and are now in jail. The men have not yet been captured.

He Was a Brute.

Alexander Frazer, a noted colored preacher, was in Police Court at Little Rock, Ark., charged with drunkenness. The testimony gave a sensational color to the case. It being shown that Frazer's wife had been recently killed in childbirth and that he had sold the body of the infant. The purchasers, who are presumably medical students, went to Frazer's house and dissected the body of the woman, leaving the carcass of the infant scattered all over the room. Warrants have been issued for all the parties implicated.

Held Up by Bandits.

Eureka Springs (Ark.) special: Road agents held up the Harrison and Eureka Springs stage recently. The driver was commanded to halt by one of the highwaymen, who covered him with a shotgun while his companions searched the mail pouches with them the robbers disappeared into the woods. This is the third time this stage has been held up.

A \$90,000 Confagration at Des Moines.

Fire was discovered in the Health Otmeal Mill, located near the railroad center of Des Moines, Iowa, it was well under headway before an alarm was sent in. The loss on the mill and machinery will be \$50,000; on the storage buildings, \$10,000; on the stocks, \$30,000. The total insurance on both buildings and stocks is about \$60,000. It is estimated that a number of companies. The origin of the fire is unknown. An incendiary is strongly suspected.

A Female Highwayman.

Otto Nelheim, a well developed German, while walking along Fourteenth street, near Penn avenue, Washington, was seized by a colored girl, who pulled him into an alley, kicked him in the stomach and knocked him down and then seized his watch and what money he had in his pockets and ran away. She was subsequently arrested and turned out to be Elizabeth Williams, who was released from the penitentiary, where she served a term for arson.

Worth \$100,000 and Put in Ohio Penitentiary for Burglary.

Probably the wealthiest convict in the Ohio prison, excepting E. L. Harper, is Arthur Picard, a Portage County man, who donated the stripes recently for one year for burglary. He is a young man and the black of his stomach and wealthy family. Just before he was taken from the jail at Ravenna to go to the penitentiary he received notice of the death of a relative, by whose will he received \$100,000.

Executed for an Atrocious Crime.

Two brothers, Joe and Carmel Diaz, were executed at Havana for a particularly atrocious crime. They had attacked a Turkish woman near Hinear del Rio and subjected her to the grossest indignities. The husband of the woman sought to avenge the dishonor of his wife, but was killed by the brothers, who also murdered the woman and then mutilated the bodies of their victims.

A Negro Murderer Lynched.

Ernest Humphreys, the negro who shot and killed Doc Miller, another negro, at Princeton, Ky., was taken from

jail at that place by a mob and hanged. Miller was the second man that Humphreys had killed.

Public Debt Statement.

The public debt statement for September shows a decrease in the debt during the past month amounting to \$4,582,907. The interest bearing debt, exclusive of the bonds of the Pacific Railroad, is \$633,688,070, against \$638,078,000 September 1, a month ago, or a reduction in the bonded indebtedness during the month amounting to \$4,389,950, while on the other hand the surplus in the treasury, and the cause of the fire in the subsidiary coin and national banking redemption fund, was \$107,397,677, to-day \$59,791,350, a decrease during the month of \$47,606,327.

Idaho Election.

Incomplete returns from seven out of eighteen counties in Idaho give Sweet, Republican, for Congress, 1,500 majority. The same counties in 1888 gave Dubois, Republican, delegate, 980 majority. The entire State is Republican by 3,500 to 3,000 majority. Late returns show that the Legislature will probably stand 33 Republicans to 19 Democrats.

Fire at Mansfield, Ohio.

The Mansfield Carriage and Wagon Company's works were totally destroyed by fire. The works were closed for repairs. The cause of the fire is unknown. Loss estimated at \$30,000; insurance, \$10,000. The works were almost totally destroyed by fire four years ago, when operated by the firm of Scherdt & Miller.

Lawmakers Nearly Lynched.

Hot times have been experienced in the Oklahoma Legislature over the capture of the outlawed desperado, Perry. He grabbed the unsigned bill and started to run. Some one cried "Hang him!" The cry became general. The spectators joined the members, an attack was made on Speaker Daniels and a general row resulted.

Three Ladies Killed.

While Mrs. DeStaler, wife of Dr. DeStaler, was driving across the Canadian Pacific tracks at Maskinonge, Que., in a carriage containing herself, Mrs. Piche, Miss Heroux and two children, aged about 5 years, the carriage was struck by a freight train and all three ladies were instantly killed. The two children escaped without injury.

Wrecked in Wyoming.

The east-bound Union Pacific passenger train No. 2 ran off the track at an open switch at Rock station, Wyo. The engine and six cars went into the ditch. Engineer Watson and Fireman Carr were scaled down the engine. Several passengers received slight injuries. Fireman Carr's injuries are fatal.

Will Contest the Will.

The will of the late John C. Crerar, of Chicago, which disposed of an estate of over three million dollars, much of it being bequeathed to charitable and religious institutions, is to be contested. The contest is made by relatives of the testator, on his father's side, none of whom are named in the will.

Run Down a Robber.

Among the hunters who started from Los Alamos, Cal., after the daring ex-robber was John Conway, a San Francisco agent. The pursuers separated and Conway, after twenty-four hours riding overtook the robber and captured him. The robbery occurred in the city of Los Angeles, and Conway said his name was Harry West.

Cheever's Crime.

D. G. Cheever, sixty years of age, was arrested at Ganesville, Wis., on a charge of embezzling \$5,000. Cheever is a prominent member of the Baptist Church, in Clinton, and served for three years as executor for an estate. He invested the funds in Dakota lands, and the land fell in value.

Two of 'Em Caught.

Two of the robbers who held up the C. & S. C. Express train near West Liberty, Ohio, were captured at Bellefontaine by the railroad detectives, and one of them has made a confession. The third robber implicated in the job is still at large with a \$600 of the plunder in his possession.

Famishing Farmers.

A committee in Denver from Eastern Colorado to secure aid for the destitute in that region. It is estimated that nearly two hundred families around Linden and Harrisburg are destitute, the crops having failed in that section. County Commissioners will subscribe \$1,000.

Watching the Corners.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding has informed a correspondent that the importation by mail of gold or silver substance, pieces of money, jewelry or any article, the value of which exceeds duty, except printed matter, is prohibited by law.

Gordon Knocked Out.

Returns from the Georgia election, show that the full Democratic ticket is elected by the usual heavy majorities. Both constitutional amendments have probably been carried. The general assembly is three-fourths Alliance.

At the "Old Roman's" Banquet.

President Cleveland has accepted the invitation to be present at the Thurman banquet, to be given November 13, under the auspices of the Thurman Club, in Columbus. Judge Thurman will be 77 years old on that day.

Congress Adjourns.

Both Houses of Congress have adjourned.

THE MARKETS.

POTATOS—Western, per bu.		30	30
INDIANAPOLIS.			
CATTLE—Shipping.	3.30	5.00	
HOGS—Choice Light.	3.00	4.75	
WHEAT—Common to Prime.	3.50	4.75	
CORNS—No. 2.	36	50	
OATS—No. 2.	34	50	
ST. LOUIS.			
CATTLE—Common.	3.50	5.00	
HOGS—Choice Light.	3.00	4.75	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	96	97	
WHEAT—No. 2.	46	47	
RYE—No. 2.	46	47	
CINCINNATI.			
CATTLE—Common.	2.50	3.75	
HOGS—Choice Light.	3.50	4.75	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	97	98	
WHEAT—No. 2.	46	47	
OATS—No. 2.	36	39	
MILWAUKEE.			
CATTLE—No. 2 Spring.	35	39	
CORNS—No. 2.	36	40	
WHEAT—No. 2 White.	37	40	
OATS—No. 2.	47	48	
RYE—No. 2.	46	47	
DETROIT.			
CATTLE—Common.	3.00	4.50	
HOGS—Choice Light.	3.40	4.75	
SHEEP—Common.	3.00	4.50	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	97	98	
WHEAT—No. 2 Yellow.	97	98	
OATS—No. 2 White.	40	41	
TOLEDO.			
WHEAT—Common.	36	36	
WHEAT—Cash.	40	50	
OATS—No. 2 White.	43	43	
BUFFALO.			
CATTLE—Common to Prime.	4.00	5.00	
HOGS—Medium and Heavy.	4.00	5.00	
WHEAT—No. 1 Hard.	1.13	1.15	
CORNS—No. 2.	32	32	
EAST LIBERTY.			
CATTLE—Common to Prime.	3.50	4.75	
HOGS—Choice Light.	4.00	4.75	
WHEAT—Medium to Good.	4.25	5.00	
LAMBS—Common.	4.30	5.00	
NEW YORK.			
CATTLE—Common.	3.35	5.00	
HOGS—Choice Light.	4.10	5.00	
WHEAT—No. 2.	4.00	5.00	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	1.01	1.03	
WHEAT—No. 2 Yellow.	1.01	1.03	
WHEAT—No. 2 White.	1.01	1.03	
WHEAT—No. 2 White.	1.01	1.03	