

# The Democratic Sentinel

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RENSSELAER, INDIANA

## A FIELD FOR SILVER.

ORIENTAL COUNTRIES WOULD USE A "CHOP" DOLLAR.

Great Britain Already Issues Such a Coin and It Is Proposed that This Country Shall Follow Her Example

—Disastrous Canadian Wreck.

For Trans-Pacific Trade.

Representative Doolittle, of Washington, who has recently made a trip to China and Japan, speaks very encouragingly of the prospects of extended American trade in those countries and he thinks that the opening up of the interior of China under the provisions of its new treaty with Japan will furnish an opportunity for American enterprises. He suggests various methods of developing this trade, one of which would be the coining of a portion of our silver product into coins such as would be accepted by the Orientals. He observed with especial interest the popularity of the English silver coin known as the chop dollar and expresses the opinion that the United States should lose no time in imitating the example of Great Britain in preparing a special coin for the trans-Pacific trade.

MADE SENTENCES CONCURRENT.

Judge Woods Carries Out His Original Determination in Dobs' Case.

Judge Woods Tuesday morning ordered that the sentence of Dobs and the other officers of the American Railway Union be made concurrent, as directed in his original sentence. Judge Woods directed that commitments be made out in the case of Dobs for six months and of the others for three months each, to expire at the same time as the sentence in the government contempt case. In commenting upon his action the Judge said that he did not desire any opinion to be formed to the end that he was seeking to punish the men for acts committed in the strike, but that the punishment was simply for contempt of court; that he had originally fixed concurrent sentences and saw no reason why they should not be reinstated, inasmuch as they had been separated in order to permit a vital issue to go before the Supreme Court.

Fourteen Killed.

A terrible accident occurred at Craig's Road Station on the Grand Trunk Railway, about fourteen miles west of Lewis, Can. A very large pilgrimage were bound for the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre. There were two sections of the train, one running a few minutes behind the other. The second section dashed into the rear of the first section, smashing it to kindling wood. The number killed is placed at fourteen and the number injured thirty-four. Among the dead are three priests.

Must Use Their Guns.

President Cleveland has laid down explicit rules for the guidance of the army in dealing with mobs through the medium of the new army regulations which will soon be issued by the War Department. The army has therefore been without explicit orders in that respect. According to these rules sharpshooters must pick out men who assail the troops with stones etc.

Woman Kills a Negro.

Sallie Harkins, a young woman living near Kiamichi, I. T., shot and killed John Burgess, a negro, who cursed her because she charged him with burning her father's residence. The negro admitted the crime and told Miss Harkins he was sorry she was not in the house when it burned. Miss Sallie replied by putting two bullets in John's head.

A Fatal Precaution.

Miss Katie Cornell, of Pittsburgh, found a revolver in the pocket of her young brother, and for safety she took it away from him. She went out on the porch, intending to fire off the cartridges in the chamber of the revolver. The first shot she fired struck Mrs. Catherine Kelly, a neighbor, and killed her instantly.

Regulations for Federal Prisons.

A new regulation for the management of prisons under the control of the military has been issued from army headquarters. It makes four classes of prisoners, according to the status of their trials or grade of punishment, those "in arrest or confinement," "garrison prisoners," "general prisoners" and "military convicts."

Victims of Hoodlums.

As a result of a riot at a picnic at Siberia, Perry County, Ind., three persons are dead, five fatally wounded and fifty seriously hurt. The desperate fight, which lasted for an hour, was precipitated by a gang of roughs.

Suicide of an Ex-Governor.

Ex-Gov. E. A. Stevenson of Idaho committed suicide at Paraiso Springs. He was afflicted with sciatica and was in a helpless condition. It is supposed that in desperation he took a large dose of laudanum.

A July Freeze.

Ice formed in some parts of Iowa, Wisconsin, and South Dakota Tuesday night, and at Sioux City the mercury stood the lowest recorded in July since the weather bureau was established. No damage to crops is reported.

Storage Warehouse Burns.

Six hundred families lost their furniture in a fire at George Parry's storage warehouse, 156-160 West Monroe street, Chicago.

Cochran for Speaker.

William G. Cochran was chosen Speaker of the Illinois House to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of John Meyer.

Heirs of Lord Antrim.

Four of the thirteen heirs of Lord Antrim, who live in Indiana, are preparing to make a vigorous contest for their share of the \$75,000,000, taken in charge by the English Government because there were no direct heirs in the old country.

Robbers Meet Death.

One robber killed, another fatally injured and a third in jail is the result of an attempt to break into the store of W. F. Kattman at Poland, Ind.

Parachute Failed to Open.

John Cunningham, an aeronaut, was instantly killed at Winigan, Mo. He had made three successful ascensions during the day, but the fourth time, when about 1,200 feet high, the parachute failed to open and he fell to the ground. His body was mashed to a pulp.

Doesn't Fancy Women Cyclists.

While ex-President Harrison was at Dann last week hunting the subject of bicycling came up for discussion and he expressed himself very emphatically upon it, taking the ground that it was ungraceful in women to ride bicycles.

## NEW TORPEDO BOATS.

Choice for Gulf, Mississippi River and Pacific Coast Constructors.

The navy department has advertised for proposals for building three new torpedo-boats large enough to go to sea and make twenty-six knots an hour. The act under which these boats are to be built permits the navy to be constructed on the Atlantic coast only in the event that the navy department is unable to secure reasonable offers from responsible bidders on the Pacific coast, the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. Inquiries are being received from iron-workers and ship-builders along the Gulf and on the Mississippi which encourage the department officials to hope that bids will be forthcoming from these sections, and to stimulate the inauguration of new naval shipwrights. The department has been at all times anxious to find inquirers who will give them in the way of detailed plans of the boats and matters of internal construction that will assist them in submitting estimates. One purpose is to correct a very prevalent impression among embryo naval constructors that a torpedo-boat is easy to build, being nothing more than a powerful engine encased in the smallest hull that will float, for in reality it is one of the most uncertain products of the naval architect, and only the highest degree of designing and structural skill and the use of the best material will stand the severe strains and test the very high speed absolutely required by the contracts under which the torpedo-boats are built. Success in building vessels of ordinary type and merchant craft is no guarantee of good results in the first attempt at building a torpedo-boat.

## SIX KILLED BY GAS.

Fritz Hellman, His Wife and Four Children Meet Death.

Fritz Hellman, his wife and four children were found dead in their beds at their home at 601 Cornelia street, Chicago. They had been asphyxiated by gas. The family returned as usual on Thursday night, and it is presumed that they had neglected to turn out the gas properly. Mrs. Hellman, mother of the head of the family that was asphyxiated, lives in the next house to the west. She awoke early Friday morning, but it was 9 o'clock before she noticed that none of her son's family had been about. The window shades were down and there was every indication that the family was not yet astir. This was noted as an unusual fact, for Mr. and Mrs. Hellman were ordinarily early risers. Mrs. Hellman waited until 9:30, and then she resolved to go and awaken her son. She knocked at the side door, but there was no response. Repeated raps failed to bring any one, and then Mrs. Hellman began calling her son's name. It was then that she feared some harm had befallen the family. She remembered that in her own home it was a key to a rear door of the Hellman house, and procuring it she entered the kitchen. There was a very pungent odor of gas. Mrs. Hellman hurried through the house and saw that death was everywhere. Her son, his wife and four children were all dead in their respective beds. According to the finding of the coroner's jury Hellman had deliberately planned and committed the crime.

## THE BALL PLAYERS.

Standing of the Clubs in Their Race for the Pennant.

Following is the standing of the clubs of the National Base-ball League:

|                | P. | W. | L. | cent. |
|----------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Baltimore      | 55 | 34 | 21 | .618  |
| Boston         | 55 | 33 | 22 | .600  |
| Chicago        | 68 | 40 | 28 | .588  |
| Pittsburgh     | 63 | 37 | 26 | .587  |
| Cleveland      | 65 | 37 | 28 | .569  |
| Brooklyn       | 59 | 33 | 26 | .559  |
| Cincinnati     | 61 | 34 | 27 | .557  |
| Philadelphia   | 58 | 32 | 29 | .552  |
| The Washington | 58 | 23 | 25 | .479  |
| New York       | 59 | 28 | 31 | .475  |
| St. Louis      | 64 | 21 | 32 | .328  |
| Louisville     | 50 | 10 | 49 | .169  |

## WESTERN LEAGUE.

In the Western League the clubs close the week in the following order:

|              | P. | W. | L. | cent. |
|--------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Indianapolis | 57 | 36 | 21 | .632  |
| Grand Rapids | 59 | 34 | 25 | .573  |
| Detroit      | 59 | 32 | 27 | .542  |
| Kansas City  | 58 | 31 | 27 | .534  |
| St. Paul     | 57 | 30 | 27 | .526  |
| Milwaukee    | 60 | 31 | 29 | .518  |
| Minneapolis  | 57 | 25 | 32 | .430  |
| Terre Haute  | 57 | 24 | 33 | .421  |

## AMERICAN FARMERS VICTIMS.

An Immense Amount of Poor Seed Annually Sold to Them.

An immense amount of poor seed is sold to American farmers and gardeners, according to a report recently issued by the agricultural department. While other countries have been looking into the subject with a view to protecting their agriculturists from adeus, no investigations have been made in the United States except in a few experiments stations. Great apathy prevails, however, among purchasers, who, as a rule, buy the cheapest seed in the market and trust to luck for it to produce the crop. Such seed, says the report, is dear at any price and the principal source of the hosts of bad weeds, whose eradication costs vastly more than the few cents a pound extra which good seed would have cost. The report makes the charge that American seed has acquired a poor reputation in foreign countries, in some of which it is difficult for it to gain a foothold through prejudice.

## Fell in a Flood.

Kansas has been so thoroughly drenched with rain in five hours the flood night for eight hours the floods were opened from the Missouri river west 300 miles over a territory 400 miles wide and an average of three inches of water fell. In many localities in eastern Kansas the lowlands were completely flooded and fields of corn were under water. For the first time in years all the streams have been bank full, many of them over flowing. Throughout the valley of the Neosho river large tracts of bottom land have been overflowed and many fields of corn ruined. The railroads have suffered greatly. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad lost several large bridges and several hundred feet of track near the southern line of the state. Many families were driven from their homes because of the falling water. The Manhattan, Atchison and Burlingame line, a branch of the Santa Fe, and is minus three big bridges. The Howe truss bridge, 123 feet span, near Harverville, is gone, and with it about 2,000 feet of track that cannot be found. Two pile bridges are out near Halifax, and it will be a week before the trains are again running.

## Speaker Meyer Dead.

John Meyer, Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, prominent Republican politician and well-known lawyer of Chicago, died Wednesday at Freeport. For some time the Speaker had been in poor health, but it was not known that the end was near. Death came suddenly while the patient was seeking rest and proved a great shock to his political colleagues and associates at the bar.

## Dun's Trade Review.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The midsummer reports from all commercial centers indicate distinctly better crop prospects than other official or commercial accounts, a marked increase in retail distribution of

products, an active demand for goods, and a general enlargement of the working force, with some advance in the wages of more than half a million hands. At the same time they show that the rapid advance in prices has somewhat checked the buying of a few classes of products. In some parts of the country the outlook for fall trade is considered bright. There were 6,057 commercial failures in the first half of 1895, against 7,039 in the first half of 1894. These commercial failures involved liabilities of \$88,829,944 this year, against \$101,739,265 last year. Manufacturing failures for the half year were 1,254, against 1,501 last year, and liabilities \$40,301,949, against \$41,376,102 last year. Trading failures for the half year were 5,335, against 5,402 last year, and liabilities \$45,663,830, against \$52,345,978 last year. Banking failures not included in above statements were 63, with liabilities of \$16,653,276, against 63 last year, with liabilities of \$13,184,461. The details show a decrease in every class of failures in the second, compared with the first quarter of 1895, both in number and magnitude, and defaulting liabilities averaging \$34, against \$40 for every firm in business, and \$3,04, against \$4,03, for every \$1,000 solvent payment.

## INVESTIGATING BOSTON RIOT.

Two Men Charged with Wills' Murder Held for Trial.

Harold G. Brown and John Ross, charged with the murder of John W. Wills in the East Boston parade riot, were arraigned in the district court and held out bail for a hearing. The police investigation resulted in a conclusion that Brown used loaded shells in his revolver, although he claims he fired only blank cartridges.

Ross, it is asserted, once emptied the chambers of his revolver into the crowd, but when arrested there was but one empty shell in the weapon.

The police authorities declare that the parades were properly guarded and the aldermen disclaim any responsibility, having refused the association authority to parades. There were at least six riots during the progress of the procession and these culminated in the general fight at the rear of the line.

OVER \$3,000,000 GONE.

Some Guatemalan Officials Are Accused of Big Defalcations.

High officials of the Guatemalan Government are said to be implicated in recently discovered defalcations amounting to over \$3,000,000. The alleged stealing has been going on for two years. The money missing is said to have been charged as expended for arms which never reached there. Frauds are also reported in the purchasing of railway material, that put in being nearly useless. Both the civil and military employees are enraged over a report that the Government is about to refuse to pay back salaries covering several months, due and unpaid at the end of the last fiscal year, on the plea that a new fiscal year should not be responsible for them, and that as the last year left nothing to cover them they must go unpaid.

APPLYING FOR THEIR MONEY.

People Who Paid Income Taxes Request a Refund.

The internal revenue bureau has already received a number of applications for the refund of the amounts paid as income taxes prior to the decision of the United States Court declaring the law to be unconstitutional. The blank forms of application for the refund were sent out about ten days ago, and almost immediately began to return from near-by points. The question as to whether the commissioner can repay the amounts without formal authorization of Congress has never been formally raised, but the officials have no doubt that the law authorizing the commissioner to refund internal revenue taxes wrongfully collected will be held to apply to taxes collected on incomes. The amount collected does not exceed \$3,000.

DROWNED IN THE DELAWARE.

Three Persons Lost While on a Yacht in Excursion.

Three persons, all residents of Philadelphia, were drowned on the Delaware River at Beverly, N. J., a town about twelve miles above the city, by the capsizing of a boat. The party, consisting of six persons, left on Wednesday night, intending to spend the Fourth of July cruising on the Delaware. When the party reached Beverly it was suggested that they go ashore, and the small boat was lowered. The boat was overturned, all the occupants being thrown into the water. Three were carried away by the swift current before rescuers reached the scene.

Peru Eat Humble Pie.

According to advices received Peru has made ample apology for insulting the British Vice Consul, William Fry, in September last, when Fry was arrested and compelled to subscribe to a forced loan.

Another Girl for Grover.

At Gray Gables, the quiet and picturesque summer home of President Cleveland, at 4:30 Sunday afternoon a little girl was born to Mrs. Cleveland. Mother and child are doing well.

To Push Waller's Case.

It is understood that the State Department has requested Ambassador Eustis to push the Waller matter with the French Government to a final conclusion as speedily as possible.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.